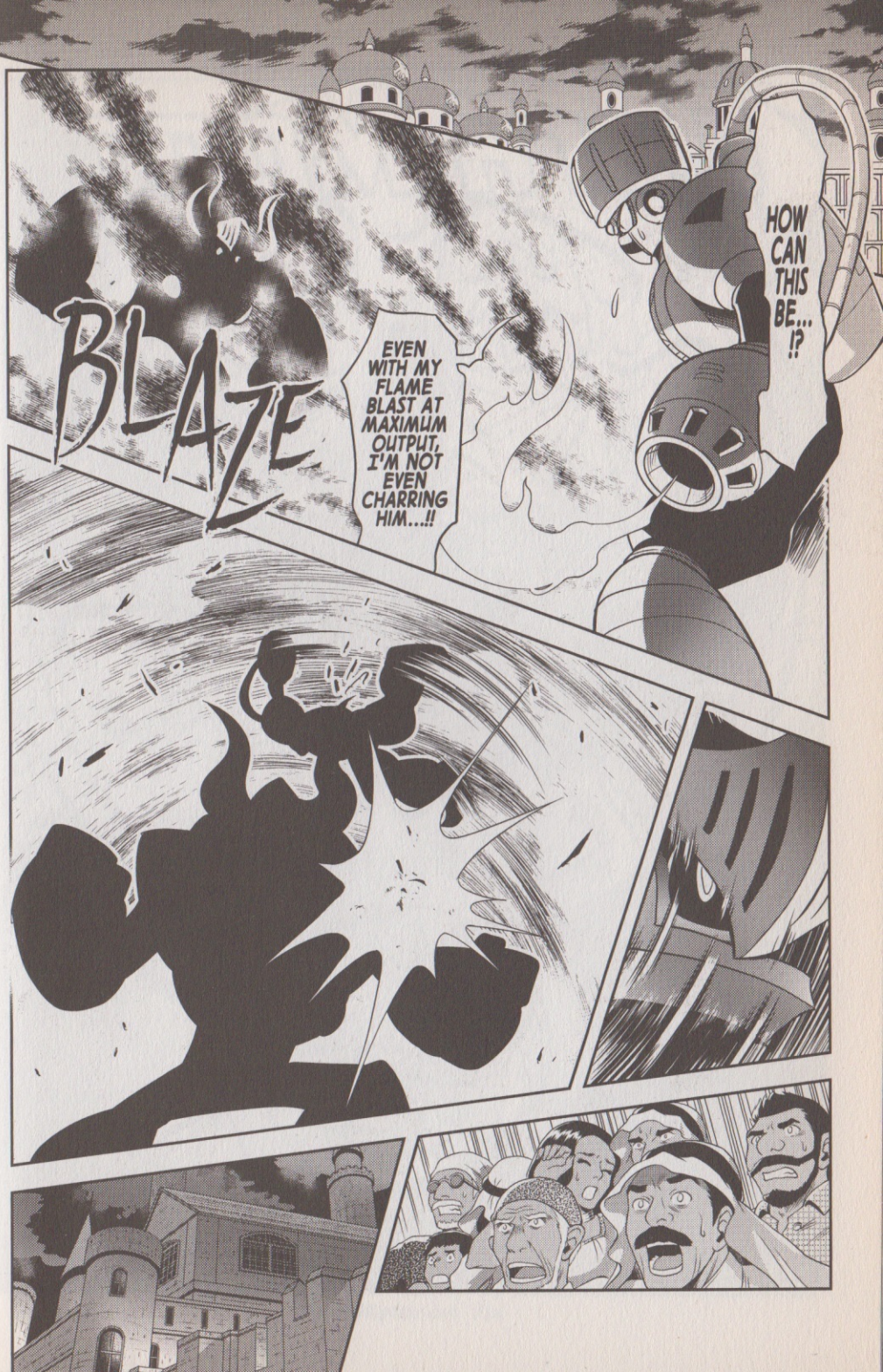
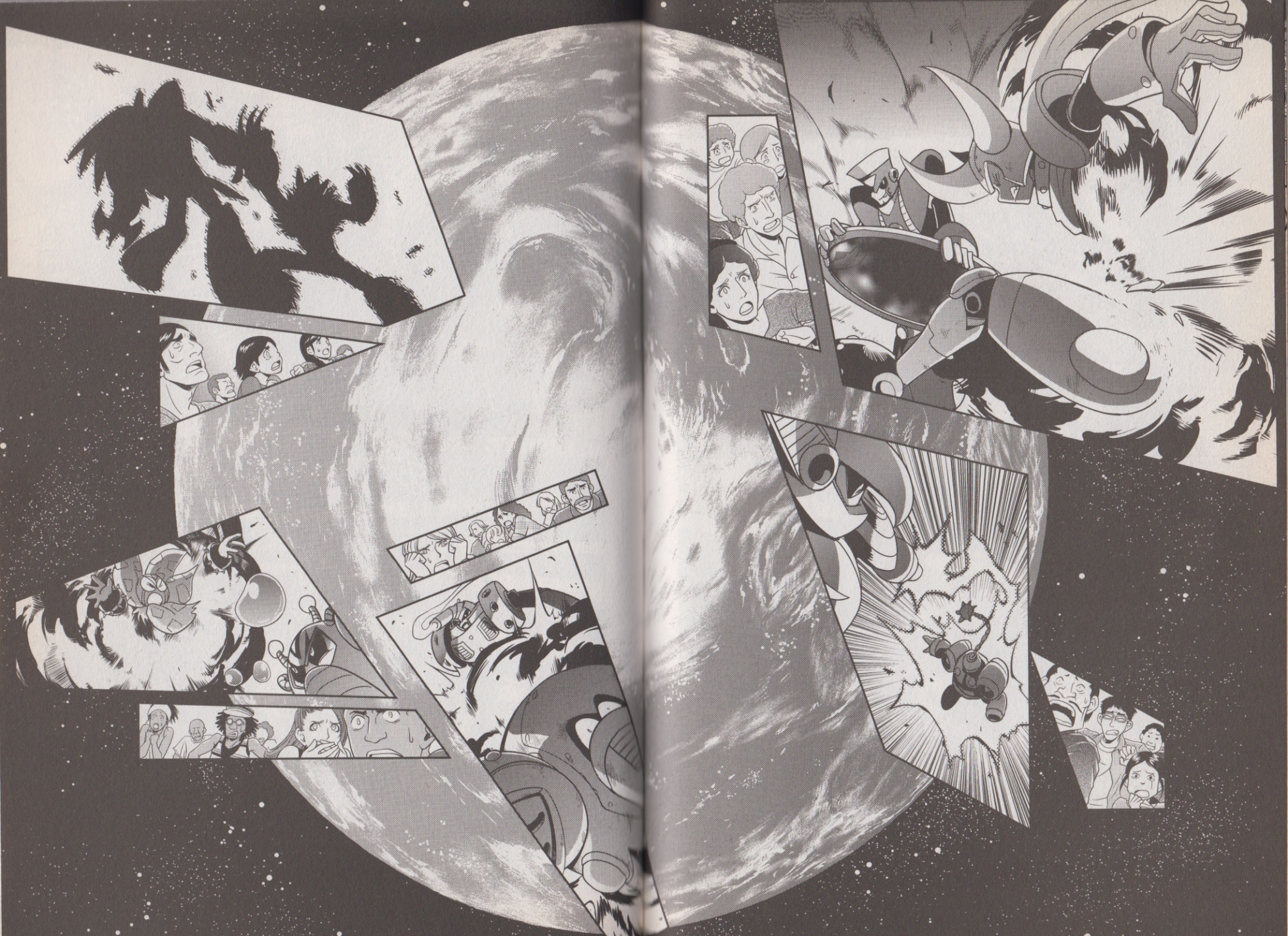
Dark Moon

SPLASH
MELT
SZZ SZZ
MY KNIGHT SHIELD ...!!
AAAHHH!!

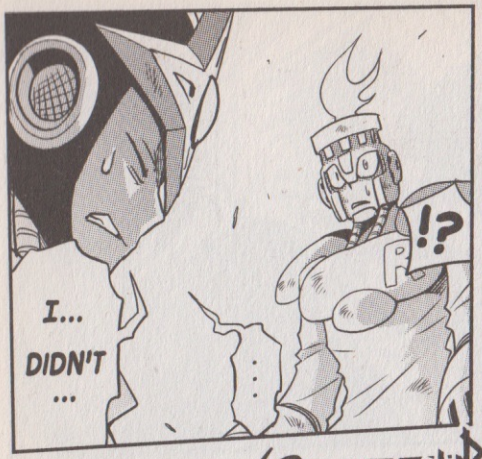

BLAZE
EVEN WITH MY FLAME BLAST AT MAXIMUM OUTPUT, I'M NOT EVEN CHARRING HIM...!!
HOW CAN THIS BE... !?

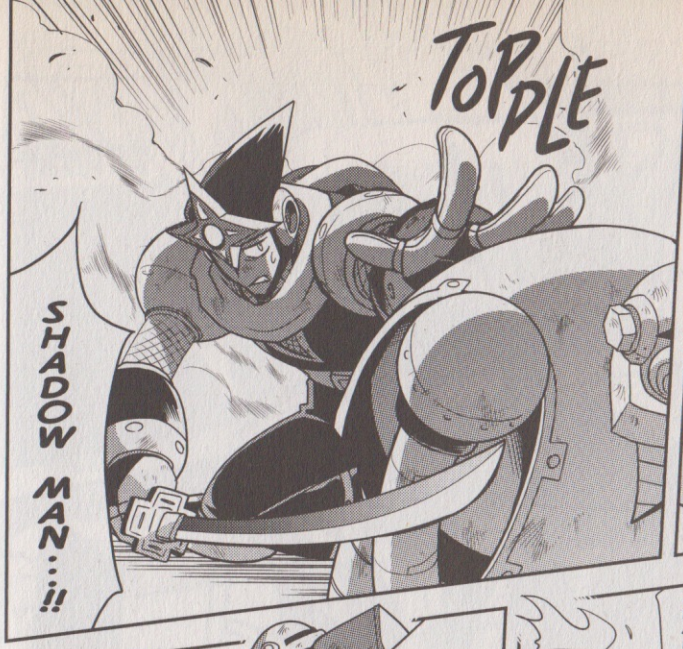


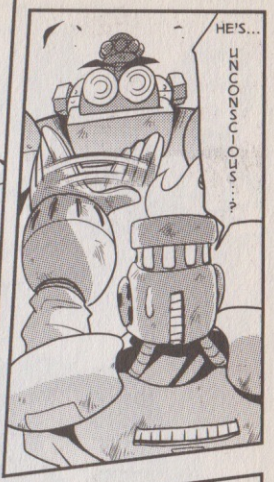
!?
GRAB BUSTER!
...!?
SLUMP
YOUR ATTACK HAS NO EFFECT...!
IT SUCKS THE ENERGY OUT OF THE TARGET, AND...
STOMP
NEVER-MIND...
I SUPPOSE YOU CAN'T HEAR ME ANYMORE...
LET ME EXPLAIN HOW MY GRAB BUSTER WORKS...
SLUMP
TREMBLE
I FEEL... WEAK... I... CAN'T...
YAAH!!
!!
PLOOP
HEH HEH HEH.
CLOSE, BUT NOT QUITE!
GHOO
GHOO GHOOM
RARR!! YAMATO SPEAR!!
WHAT!? HOW DARE YOU MOCK ME...!?
Yawn
I'M GROWING BORED WITH THIS GAME...

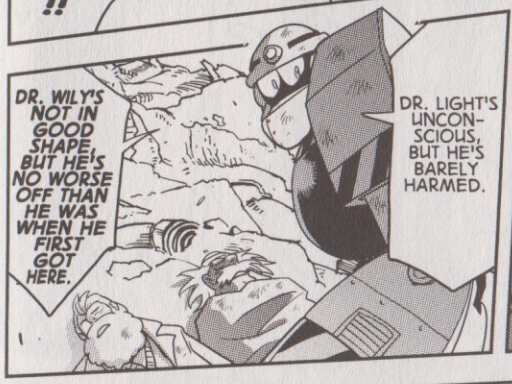
KLANK
!
AUTO!?
PTOO
WHAT WAS THAT? DID YOU DO THAT!?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO DR. LIGHT AND ROLL!?
HEY ... AUTO ...?
THAT WAS PRETTY COOL, MAN!

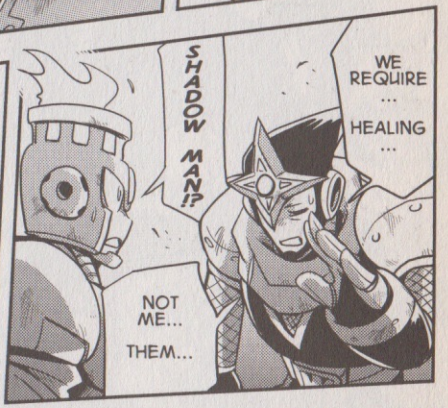
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HAH!!
KRLINCH
DR. LIGHT! ROLL!!
LOOK AT THIS PLACE!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS USED TO BE DR. LIGHT'S LABORATORY...
C'MON, LET'S GIVE HIM A HAND!
Y-YEAH!
WAAAAHH!!

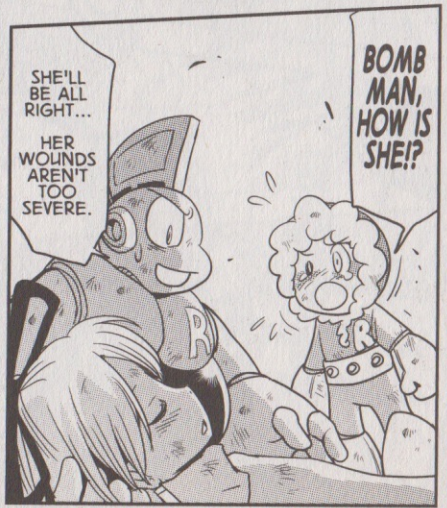


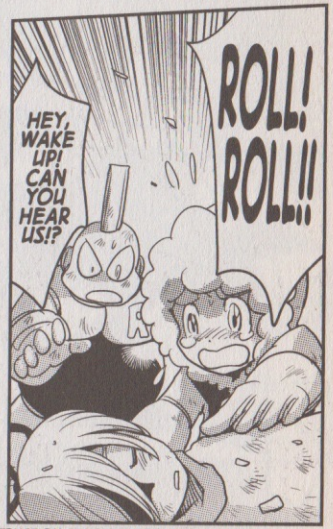





DR. WILY'S NOT IN GOOD SHAPE, BUT HE'S NO WORSE OFF THAN HE WAS WHEN HE FIRST GOT HERE.
DR. LIGHT'S UNCON-SCIOUS, BUT HE'S BARELY HARMED.



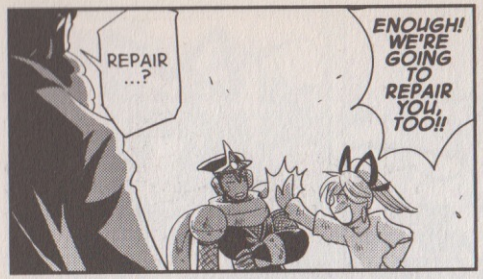




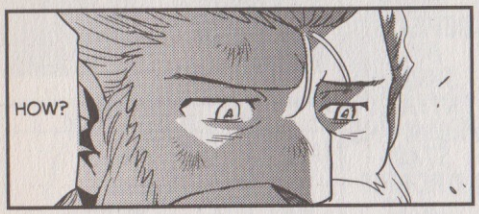
*SINCE GUTS MAN AND BOMB MAN WERE DESIGNED FOR WORKING IN AND AROUND CONSTRUCTION SITES, THEY POSSESS ENHANCED ABILITIES WHEN IT COMES TO SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS, AND CAN PERFORM SIMPLE MEDICAL DIAGNOSES. THEY ARE NOT, HOWEVER, CAPABLE OF PERFORMING ACTUAL MEDICAL PROCEDURES.

GROAN
DR. LIGHT!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!?
YES, I'M ...
!
UM... DR. LIGHT ... WE...
WHERE IS ROCK?
DR. LIGHT ...?
WE LOOKED FOR THEM... WE DID...
ROCK... RUSH... CUT MAN... ELEC MAN...
WE COULDN'T FIND ANY OF THEM.

ROLL!?
ROLL!!
IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT... DON'T BE SO HARD ON YOURSELF.
I'M JUST A LITTLE SCUFFED UP... NOTHING MAJOR.
BESIDES, I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO'S HURT AROUND HERE.
YEAH, YOU'RE REALLY HURT!
WAIT! DON'T MOVE!!
HI, GUYS! SORRY IF I WORRIED YOU.
I'M FINE...
NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT ME!
SEE? I'M OKAY!
I'M GLAD YOU'RE OKAY!
OH... IN PRETTY BAD SHAPE

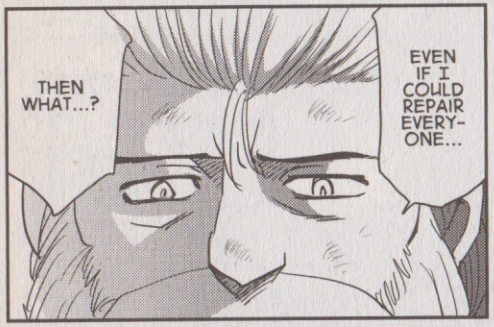

REPAIR ...?
ENOUGH! WE'RE GOING TO REPAIR YOU, TOO!!

I DON'T NEED ...
WILL YOU PLEASE REPAIR ICE MAN, SHADOW MAN, AND THE OTHERS?
DR. LIGHT! I'LL START TENDING TO DR. WILY'S WOUNDS.

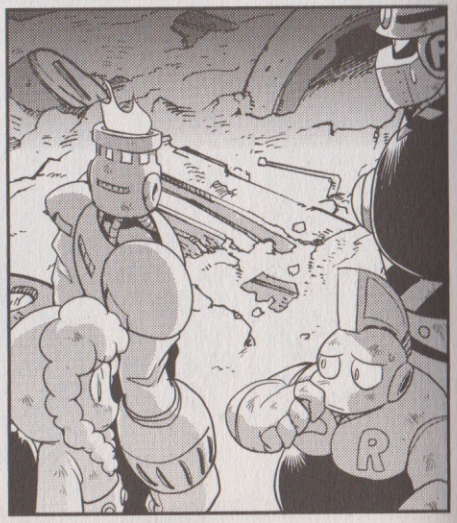

HOW?

OH... ER...
WE CAN DIG THROUGH THE RUBBLE AND RECOVER WHATEVER EQUIPMENT WE CAN...

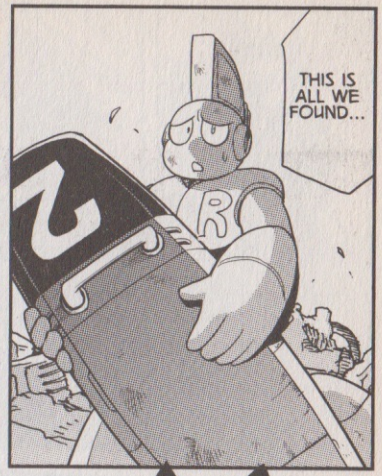
MY LABORATORY IS GONE...


THEN WHAT...?
EVEN IF I COULD REPAIR EVERY-ONE...

HUH?



I SEE...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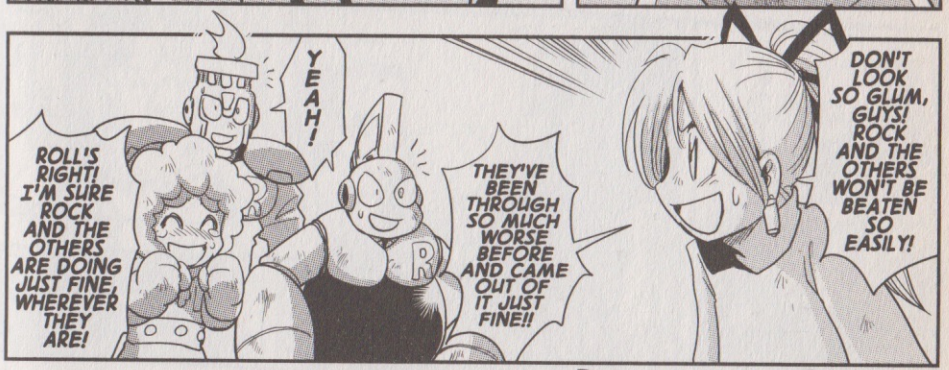
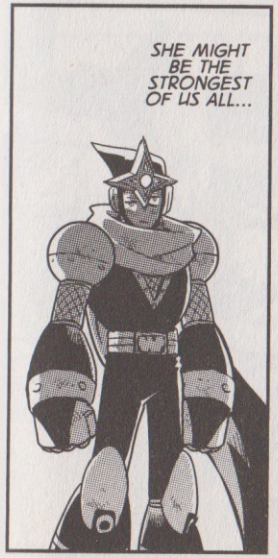
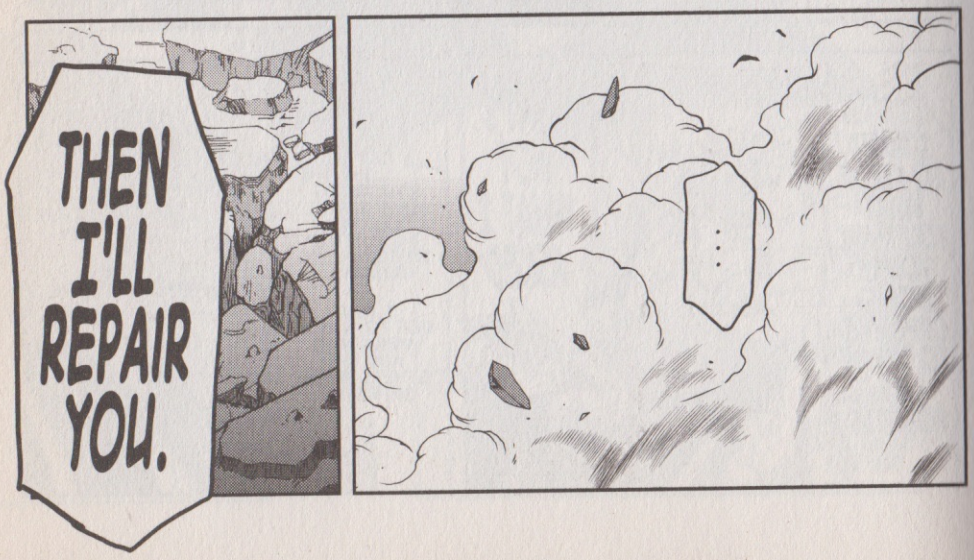

ROLL'S RIGHT! I'M SURE ROCK AND THE OTHERS ARE DOING JUST FINE, WHEREVER THEY ARE!
YEAH!
THEY'VE BEEN THROUGH SO MUCH WORSE BEFORE AND CAME OUT OF IT JUST FINE!!
DON'T LOOK SO GLUM, GUYS! ROCK AND THE OTHERS WON'T BE BEATEN SO EASILY!

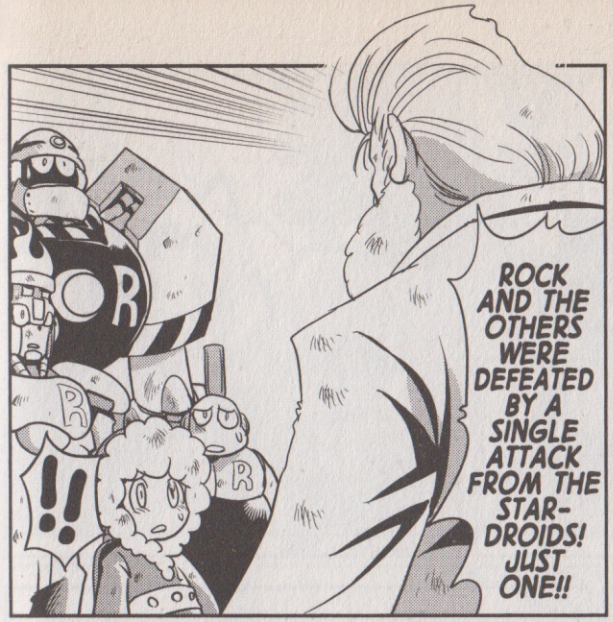

SHE MIGHT BE THE STRONGEST OF US ALL...

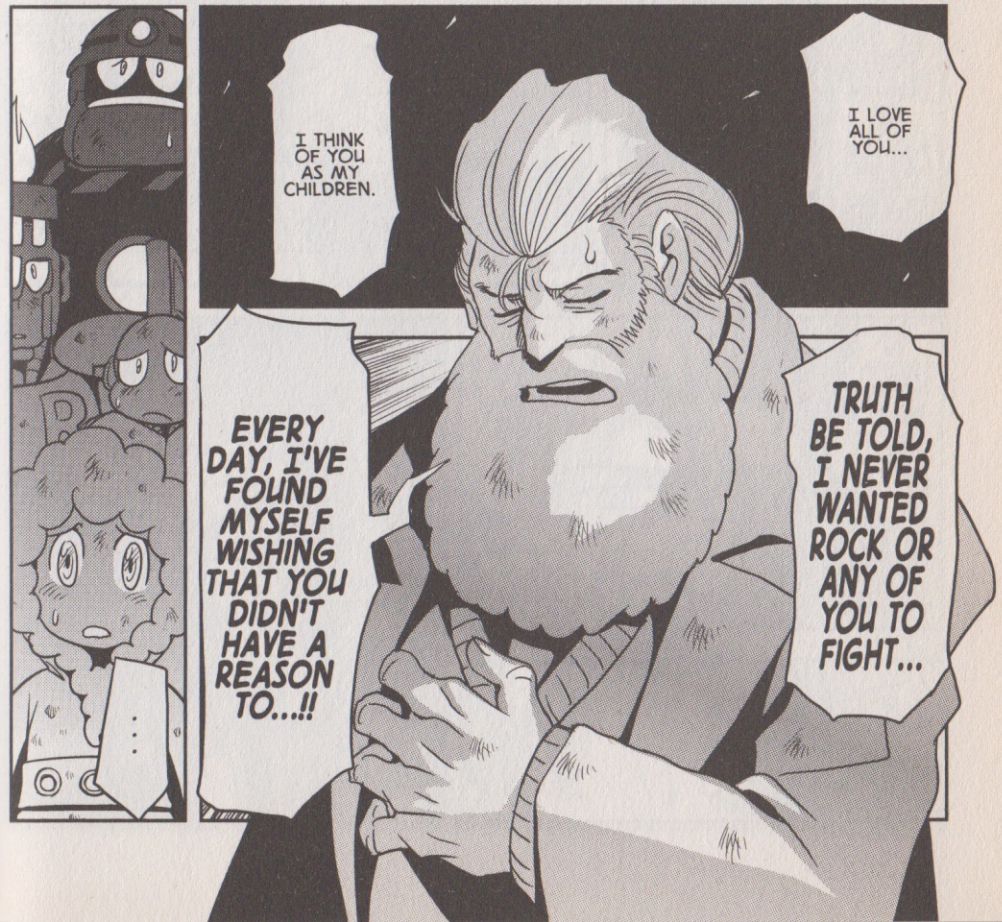
OF COURSE THEY ARE!
IN FACT, THEY'RE PROBABLY LOCKED IN A HEATED BATTLE WITH THOSE STARDROID JERKS RIGHT NOW!

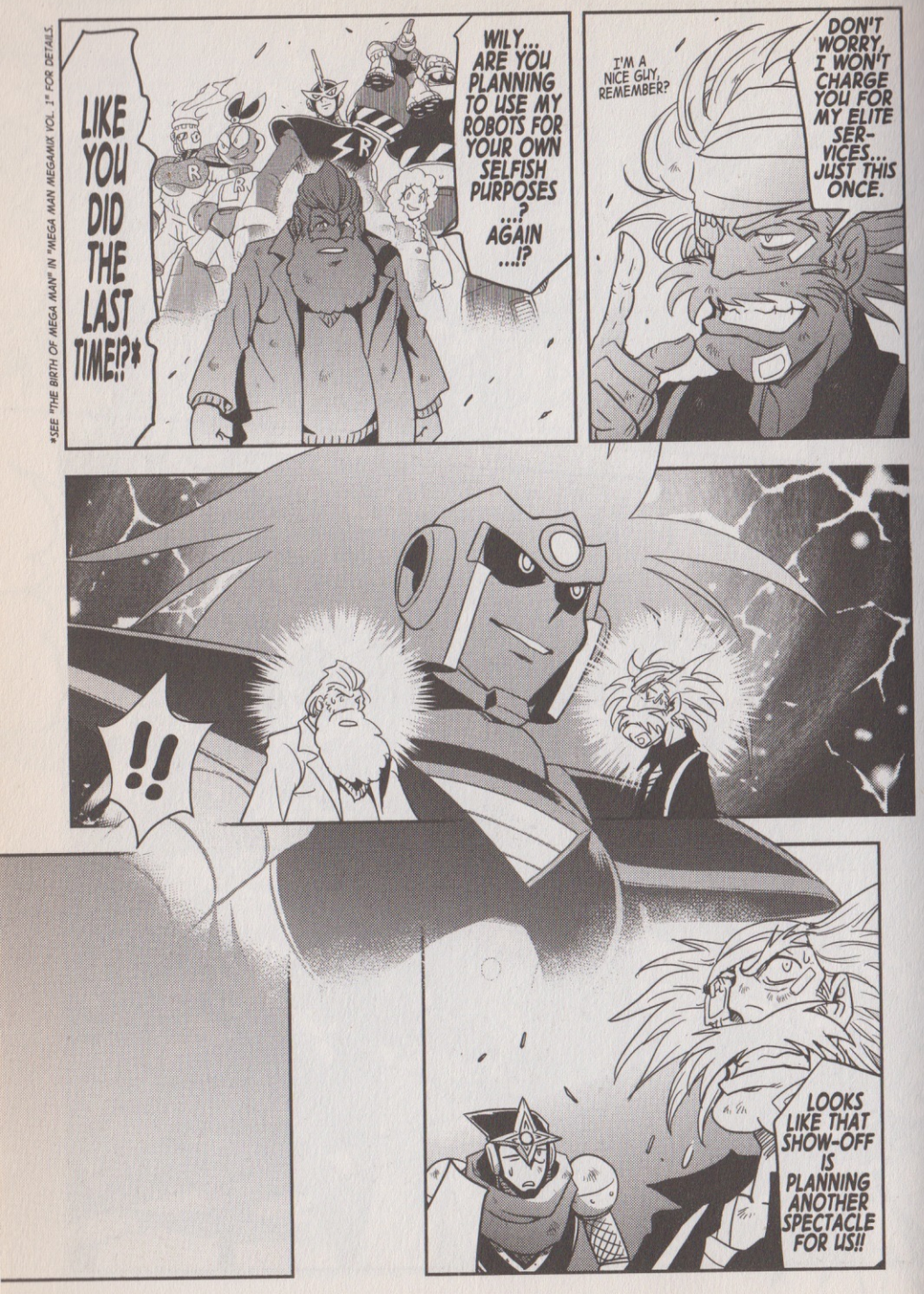
I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE! I DON'T WANT TO LOSE ANY OF YOU!!
I DON'T WANT TO REPAIR YOU ONLY TO SEND YOU BACK OUT INTO THAT... I WON'T DO IT!
NOW... YOU FACE A BATTLE THAT YOU CANNOT WIN...AND ONE THAT OFFERS ONLY DEATH! REAL "DEATH...!!"

DOCTOR ... WE...
BUT ONLY IF YOU PROMISE NOT TO GET INVOLVED IN THE FIGHTING AGAIN.
I'LL... REPAIR YOU...


THEN I'LL REPAIR YOU.
...


ROCK AND THE OTHERS WERE DEFEATED BY A SINGLE ATTACK FROM THE STAR-DROIDS! JUST ONE!!
!!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ...?
DR. LIGHT ...?
YOU SAW IT WITH YOUR OWN EYES ...


I THINK OF YOU AS MY CHILDREN.
I LOVE ALL OF YOU...
EVERY DAY, I'VE FOUND MYSELF WISHING THAT YOU DIDN'T HAVE A REASON TO...!!
TRUTH BE TOLD, I NEVER WANTED ROCK OR ANY OF YOU TO FIGHT...
...


LIKE YOU DID THE LAST TIME!?*
WILY... ARE YOU PLANNING TO USE MY ROBOTS FOR YOUR OWN SELFISH PURPOSES ...? AGAIN ...!?
I'M A NICE GUY, REMEMBER?
DON'T WORRY, I WON'T CHARGE YOU FOR MY ELITE SER-VICES... JUST THIS ONCE.
!!
LOOKS LIKE THAT SHOW-OFF IS PLANNING ANOTHER SPECTACLE FOR US!!

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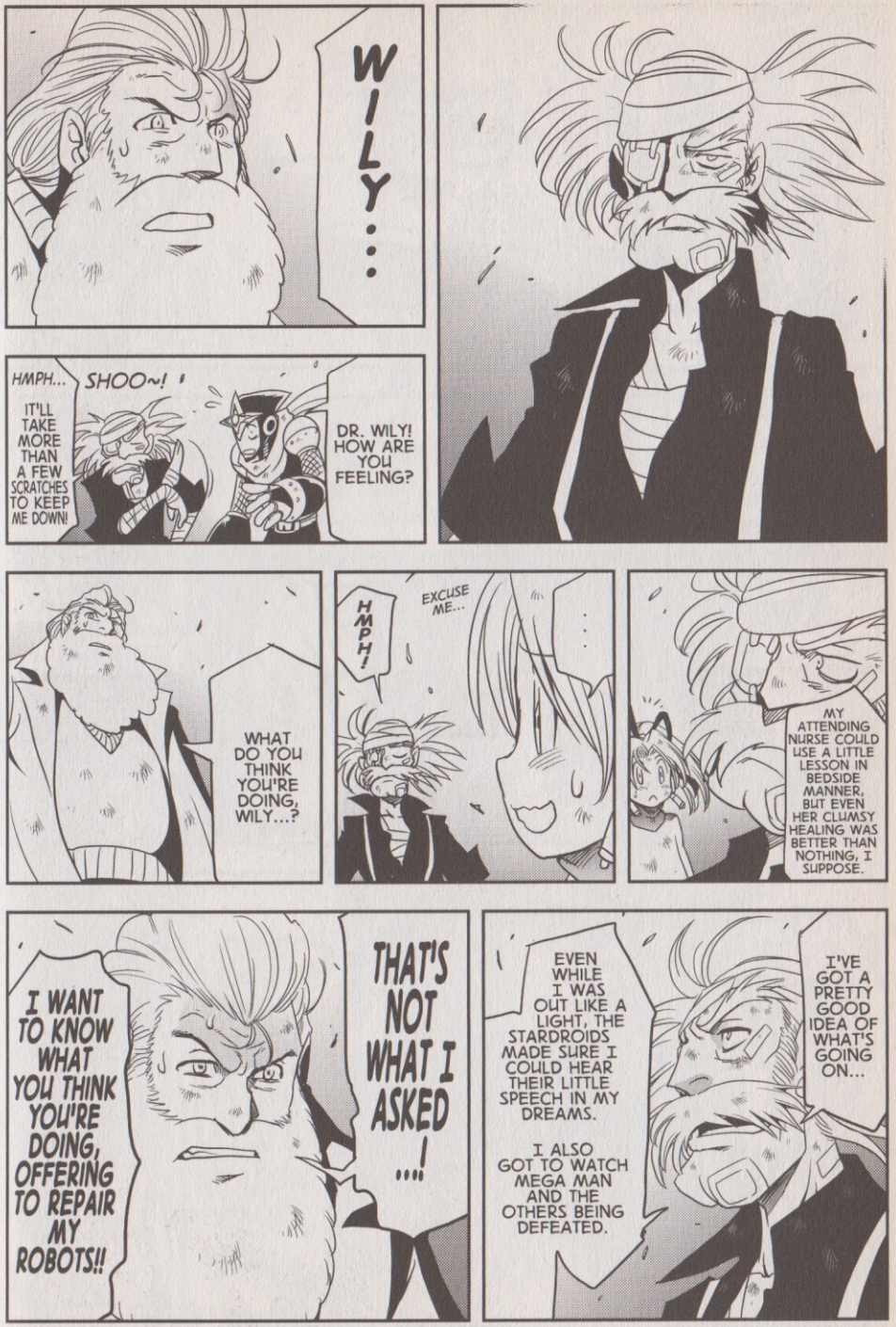
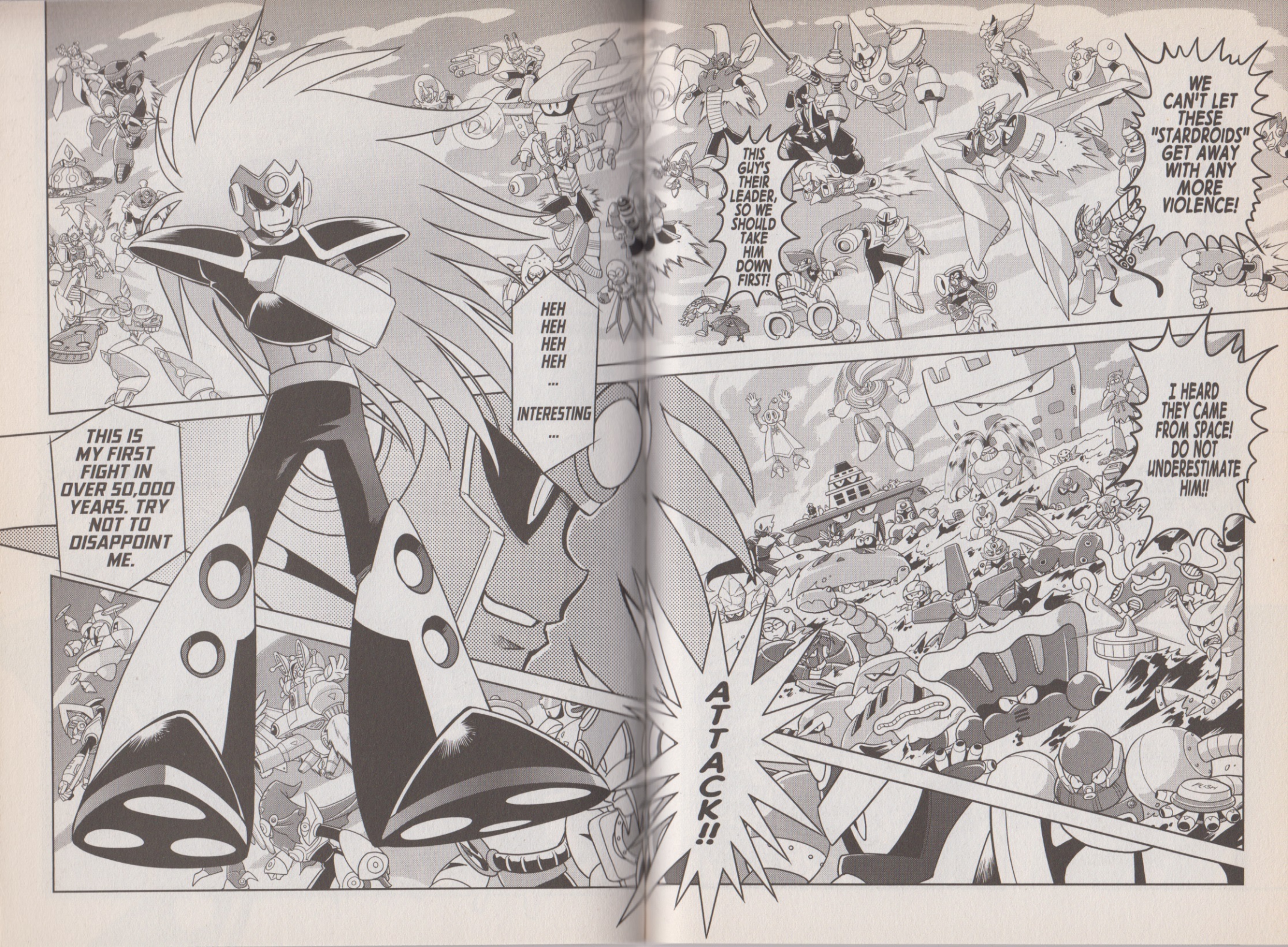
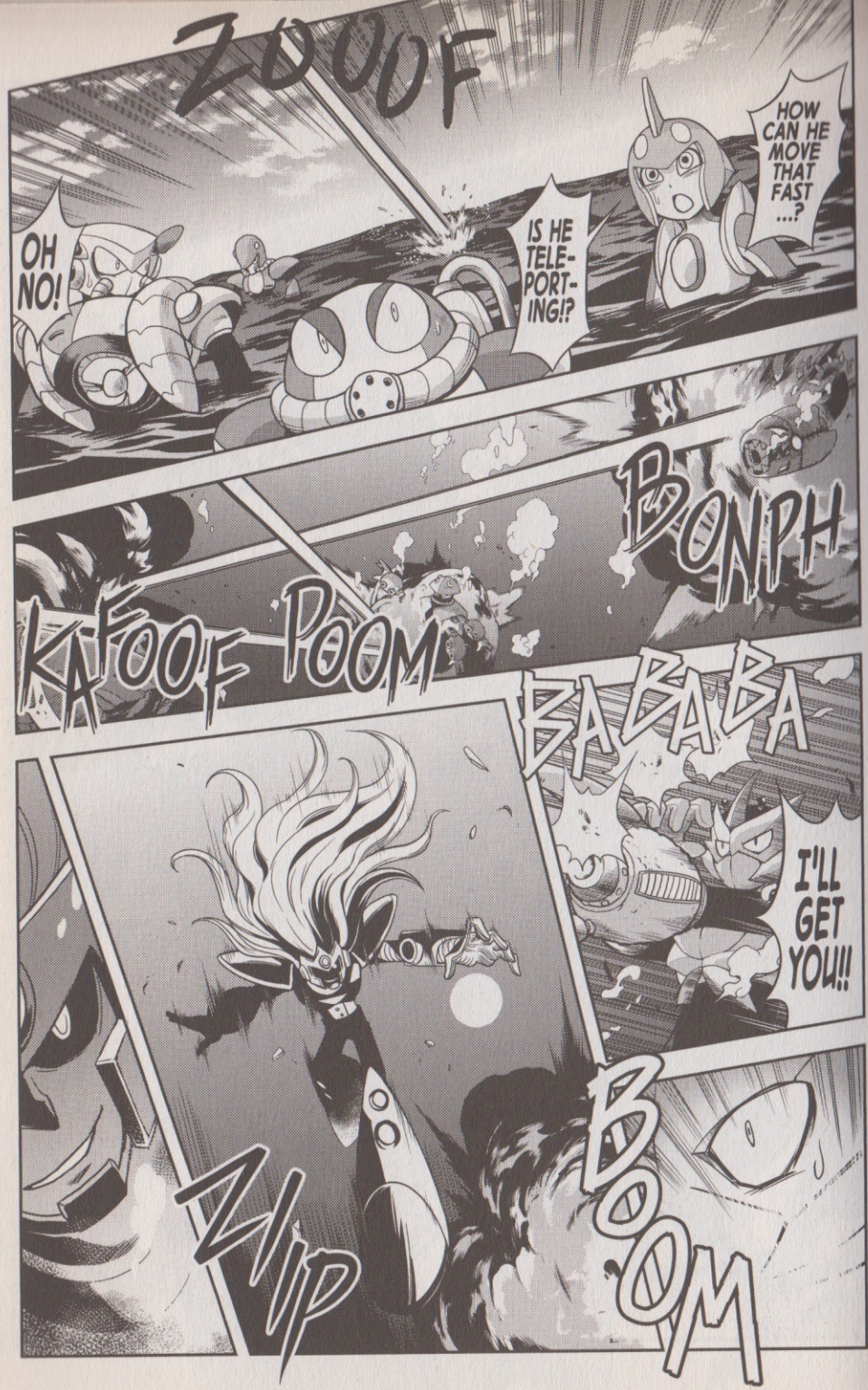
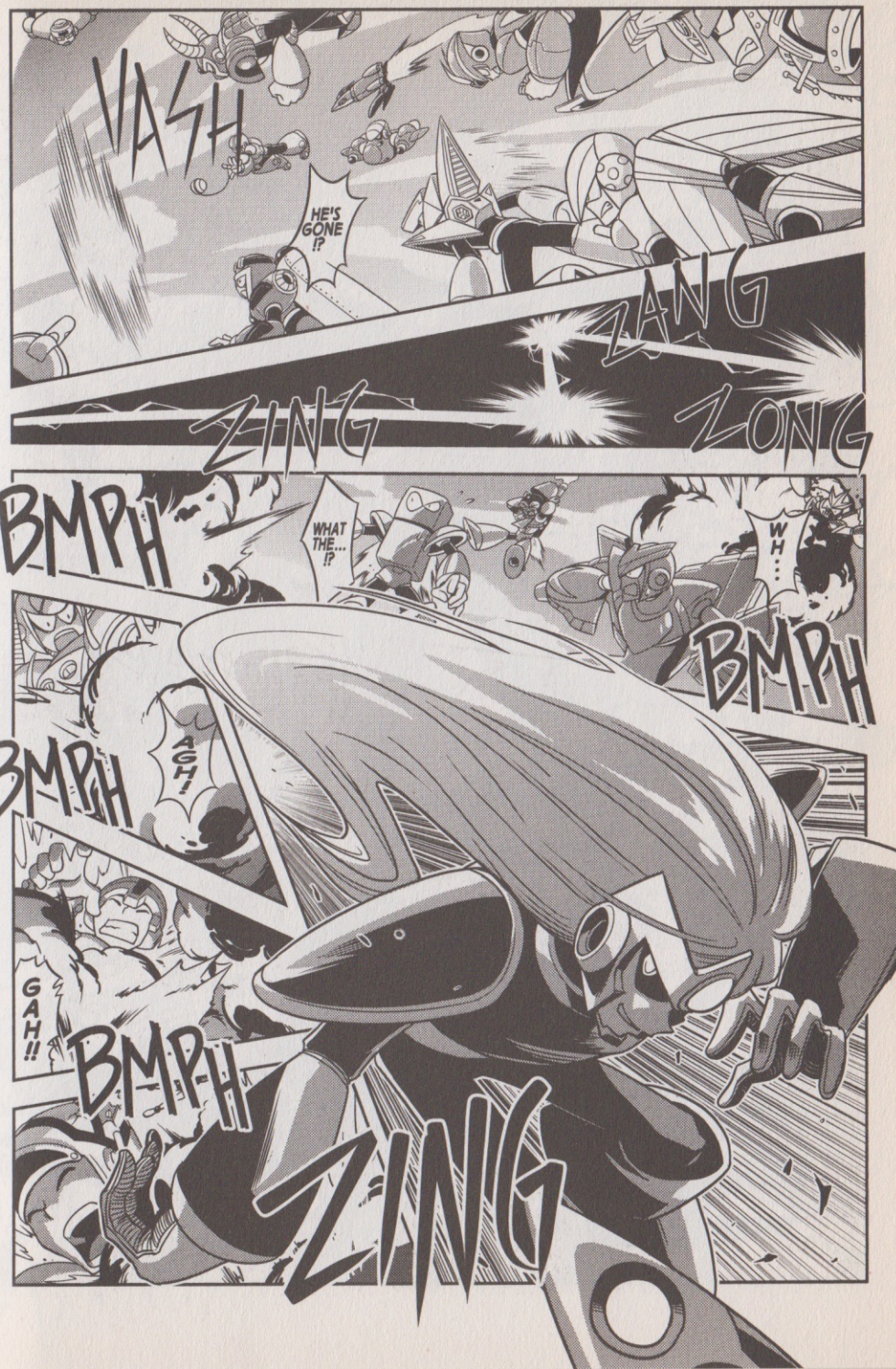

WILY...
HMPH... IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN A FEW SCRATCHES TO KEEP ME DOWN!
SHOO~!
DR. WILY! HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, WILY...?
HMPH!
EXCUSE ME...
MY ATTENDING NURSE COULD USE A LITTLE LESSON IN BEDSIDE MANNER, BUT EVEN HER CLUMSY HEALING WAS BETTER THAN NOTHING, I SUPPOSE.
I WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, OFFERING TO REPAIR MY ROBOTS!!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I ASKED ...!
EVEN WHILE I WAS OUT LIKE A LIGHT, THE STARDROIDS MADE SURE I COULD HEAR THEIR LITTLE SPEECH IN MY DREAMS.
I ALSO GOT TO WATCH MEGA MAN AND THE OTHERS BEING DEFEATED.
I'VE GOT A PRETTY GOOD IDEA OF WHAT'S GOING ON...


THIS GUY'S THEIR LEADER, SO WE SHOULD TAKE HIM DOWN FIRST!
WE CAN'T LET THESE "STARDROIDS" GET AWAY WITH ANY MORE VIOLENCE!
HEH HEH HEH HEH ... INTERESTING ...
THIS IS MY FIRST FIGHT IN OVER 50,000 YEARS. TRY NOT TO DISAPPOINT ME.
I HEARD THEY CAME FROM SPACE! DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE HIM!!
ATTACK!!


ZOOOF
OH NO!
IS HE TELE-PORT-ING!?
HOW CAN HE MOVE THAT FAST ...?
BONPH
KAFOOF POOM
BABABA
I'LL GET YOU!!
ZUP
BOOM

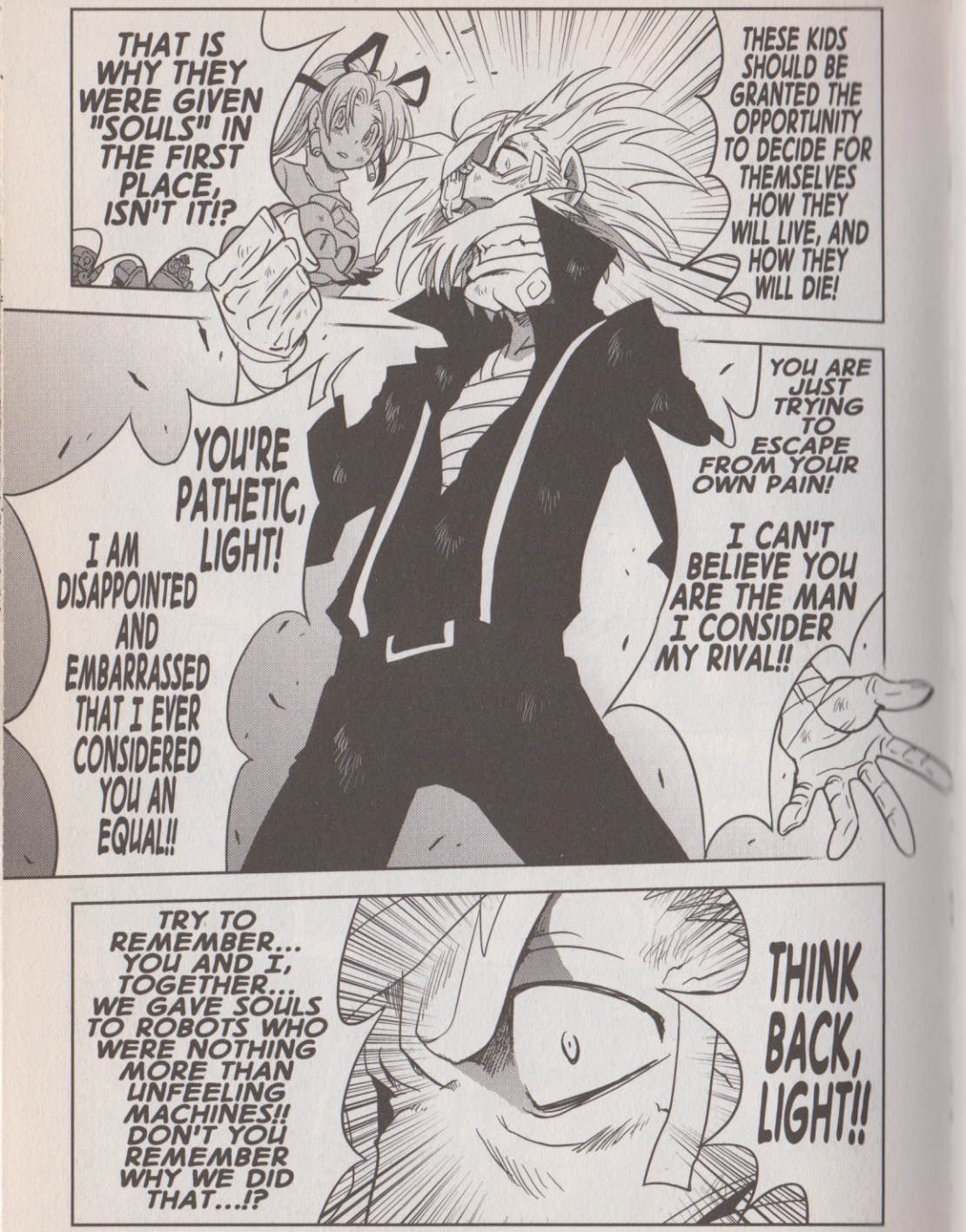

VASH
HE'S GONE !?
ZANG
ZING
ZONG
BMPH
WHAT THE... !?
WH...
BMPH
BMPH
AGH!
GAH!!
BMPH
ZING

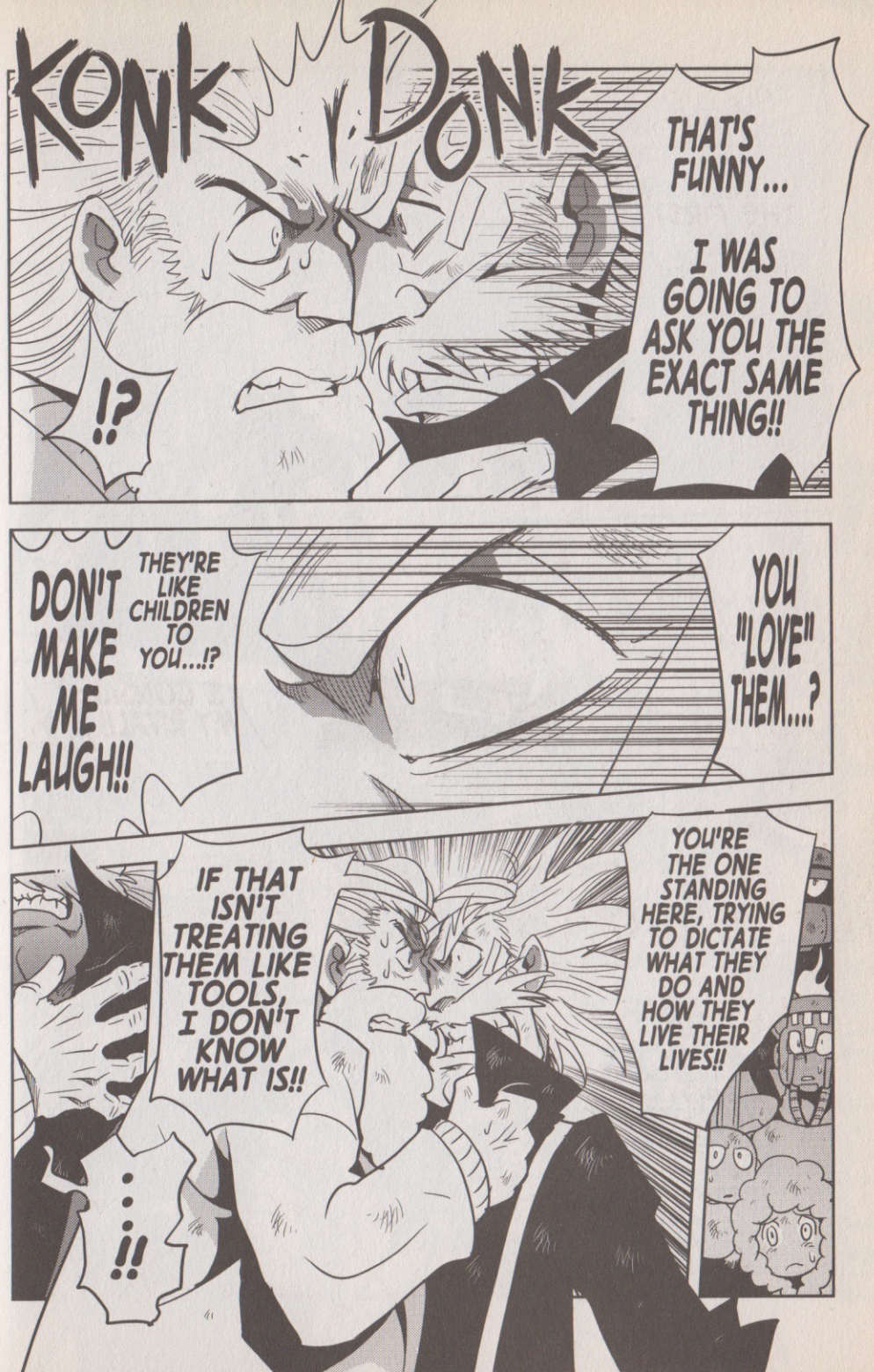
OVER...
A THOUSAND ROBOTS...
FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD... GONE...
... IN LESS THAN 30 MINUTES ...
IMPOSSIBLE...
KRAKALEE
NO...
NOOO!!
WOOM
ALL GONE...
HEH HEH HEH.
TOSS
HEH HEH HEH HEH.

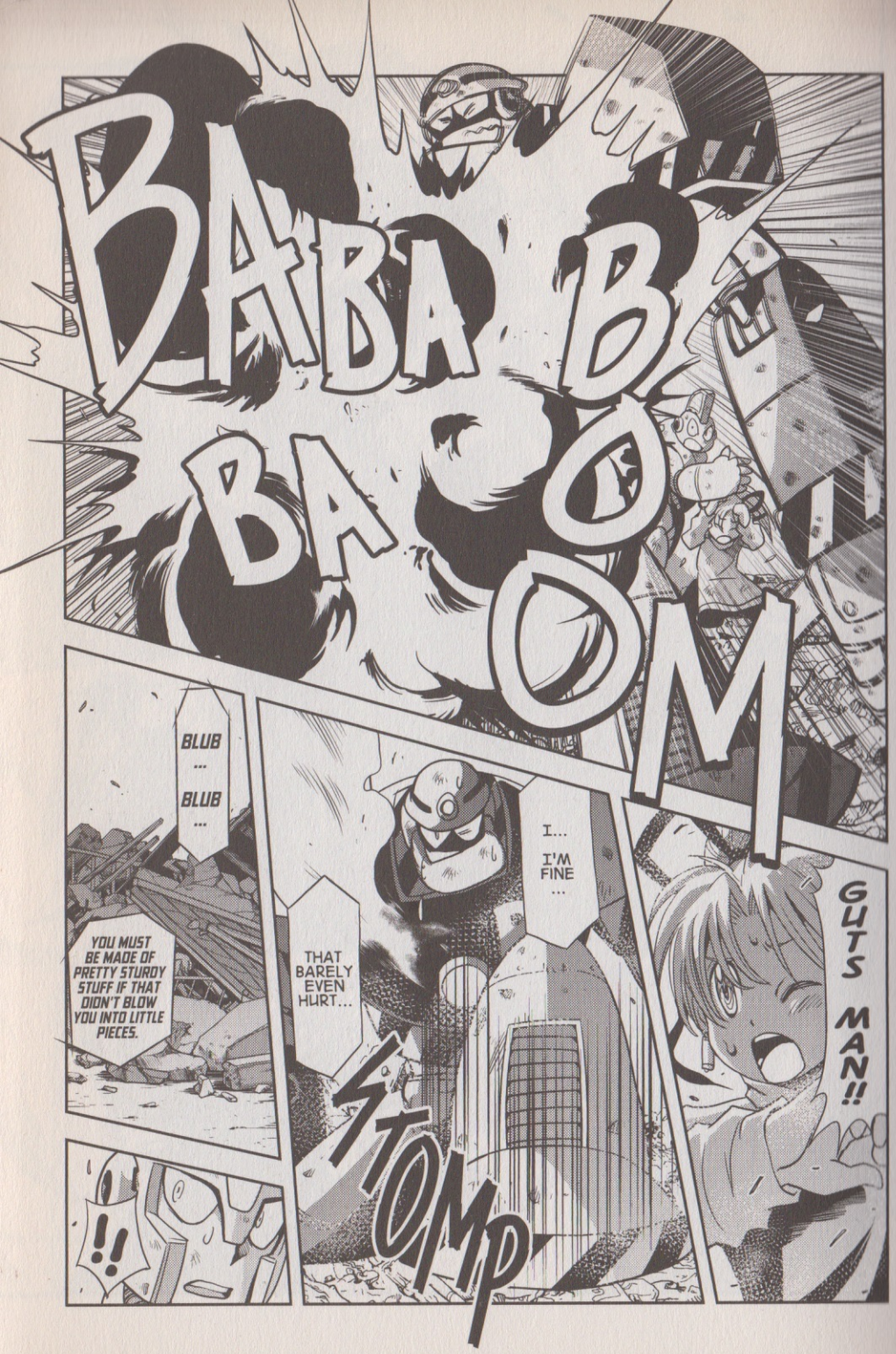
FOOF POONF FOOM BOOF
VASH
KA FOOM PH

WILY!!
GRIN
BUT THAT'S UP TO THEM,
NOT ME.
YEAH, PROBABLY ...
DR. LIGHT ..!!
HOW CAN YOU SAY THINGS LIKE THAT...!?
ARE ROBOTS NOTHING MORE THAN TOOLS TO YOU!?

HA HA HA HA
WHAT!?
Ptoo~!
I DON'T CARE...
WE CANNOT BEAT THEM! YOU CAN'T EVEN CALL IT A FAIR FIGHT!!
YOU'RE BEING IRRESPONSIBLE! YOU KNOW FULL WELL THAT FIRE MAN AND THE OTHERS WILL JUMP RIGHT BACK INTO THE BATTLE AS SOON AS YOU REPAIR THEM!!
WHAT THEY DO WITH THEMSELVES AFTERWARD IS NONE OF MY BUSINESS!
I ONLY SAID I'D REPAIR THEM.

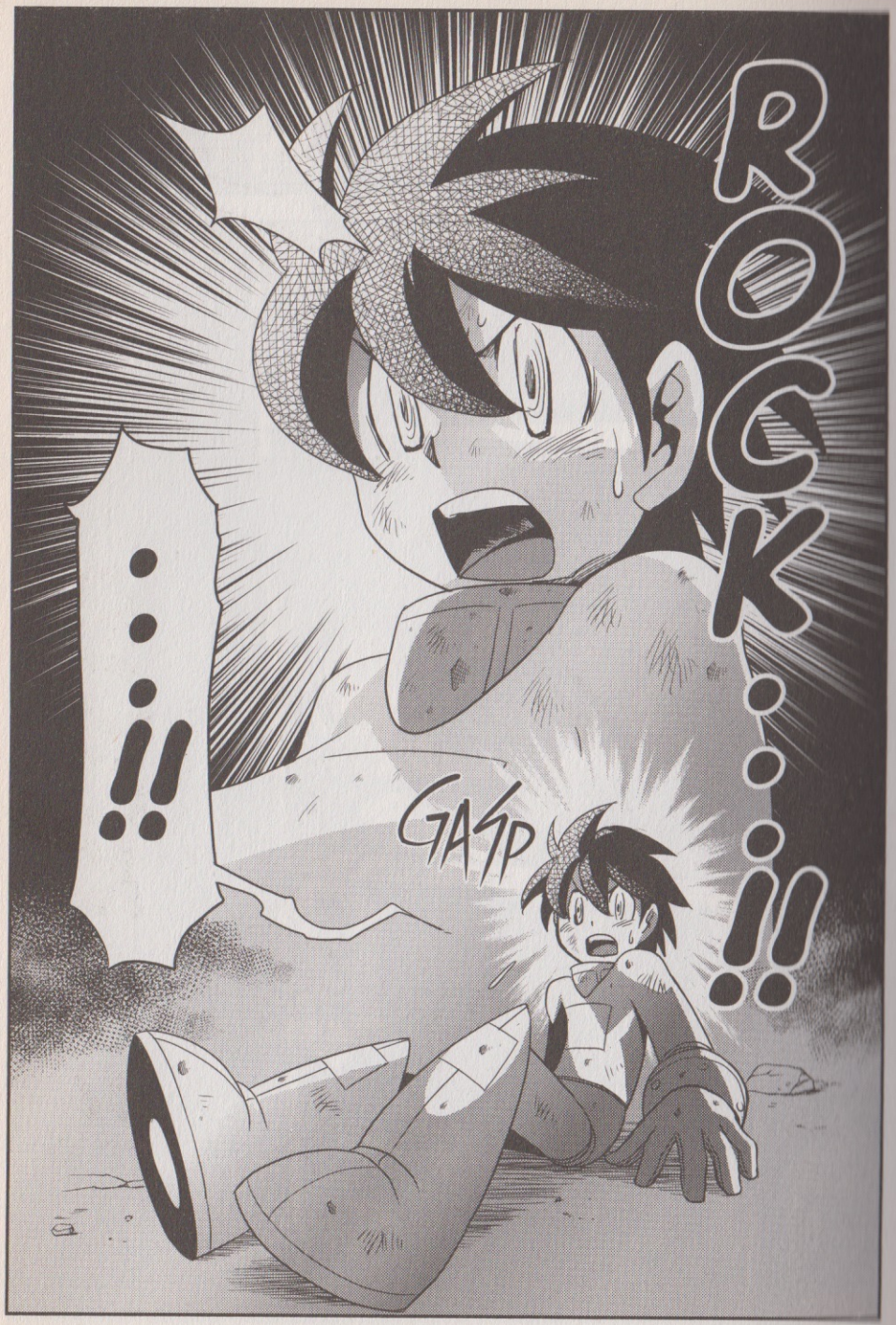

THAT IS WHY THEY WERE GIVEN "SOULS" IN THE FIRST PLACE, ISN'T IT!?
THESE KIDS SHOULD BE GRANTED THE OPPORTUNITY TO DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES HOW THEY WILL LIVE, AND HOW THEY WILL DIE!
YOU'RE PATHETIC, LIGHT!
I AM DISAPPOINTED AND EMBARRASSED THAT I EVER CONSIDERED YOU AN EQUAL!!
YOU ARE JUST TRYING TO ESCAPE FROM YOUR OWN PAIN!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU ARE THE MAN I CONSIDER MY RIVAL!!
TRY TO REMEMBER... YOU AND I, TOGETHER... WE GAVE SOULS TO ROBOTS WHO WERE NOTHING MORE THAN UNFEELING MACHINES!! DON'T YOU REMEMBER WHY WE DID THAT...!?
THINK BACK, LIGHT!!

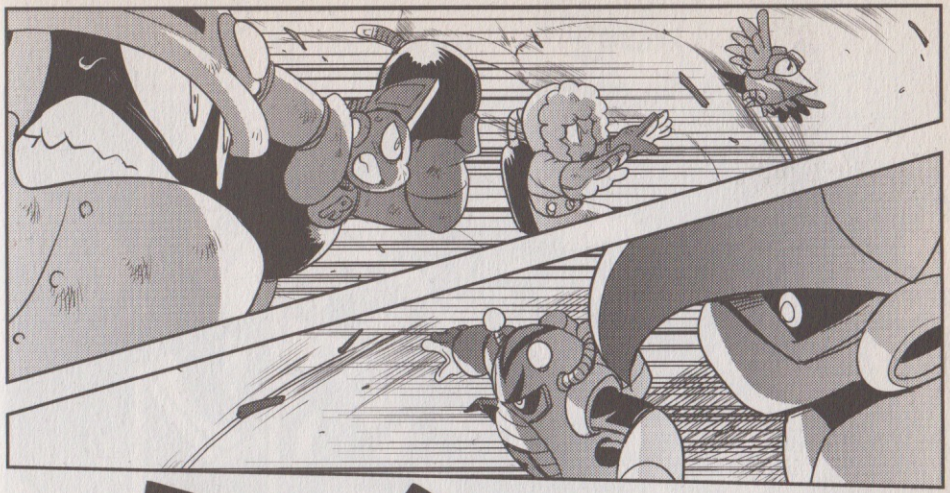

KONK
DONK
!?
THAT'S FUNNY...
I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU THE EXACT SAME THING!!
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!!
THEY'RE LIKE CHILDREN TO YOU...!?
YOU "LOVE" THEM...?
IF THAT ISN'T TREATING THEM LIKE TOOLS, I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS!!
...!!
YOU'RE THE ONE STANDING HERE, TRYING TO DICTATE WHAT THEY DO AND HOW THEY LIVE THEIR LIVES!!


BA BA BA BOOM
BLUB ... BLUB ...
YOU MUST BE MADE OF PRETTY STURDY STUFF IF THAT DIDN'T BLOW YOU INTO LITTLE PIECES.
THAT BARELY EVEN HURT...
I... I'M FINE ...
STOMP
GUTS MAN!!
!!

WILY...
DOCTOR ... WILY ...
BUBBLES ...?
?
EVERY-BODY GET DOWN!!
!!
LOOK OUT...!

THE STAR-DROIDS ...!!
IT'S THEM...
I'LL USE MY BUBBLE BOMBS TO CLEAN UP THIS TRASH!
BLUB BLUB... I'M QUITE THE NEAT FREAK, YOU KNOW...
LOOKS LIKE WE FOUND OURSELVES A PARTY!
READY
GRRRRR!!

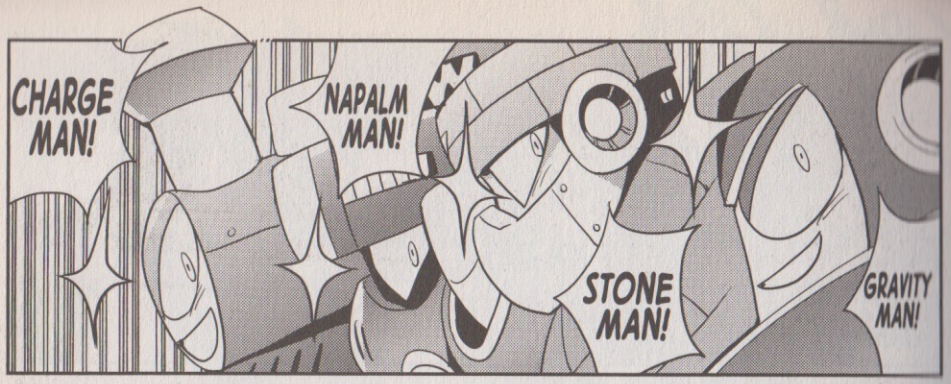

ROCK...!!
...!!
GASP

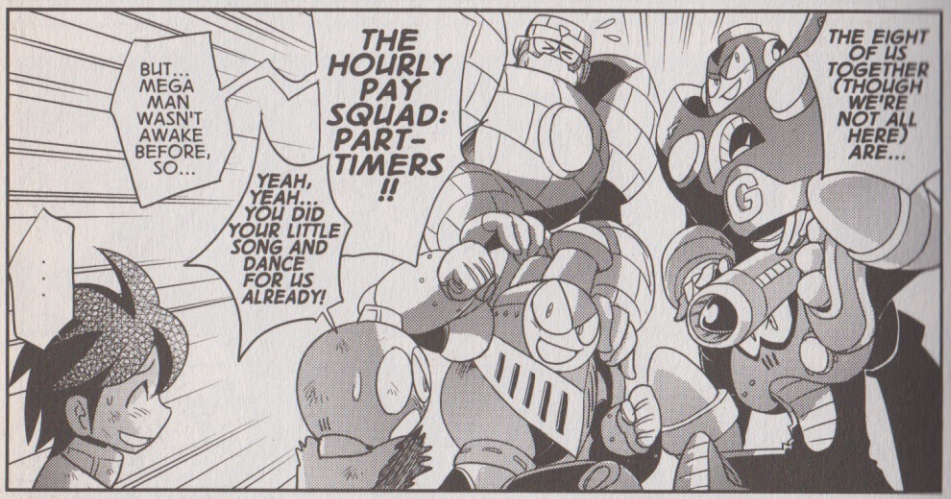


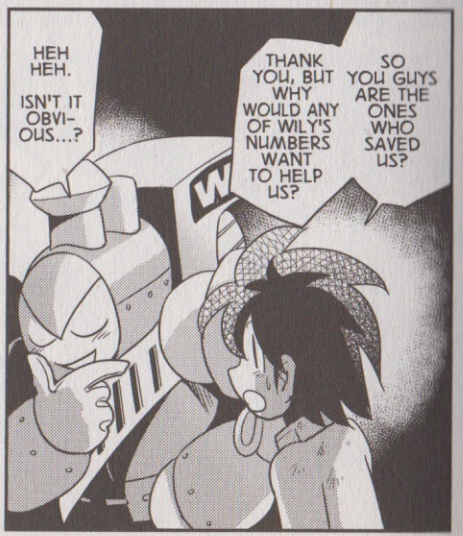
ROCK...!!

OW...!
TAKE IT EASY, BUD.
CUT MAN!
ELEC MAN!
SO THAT WASN'T A DREAM...
OH...
AND THOSE "STAR-DROIDS" MESSED YOU UP EVEN WORSE.
YOU WERE ALREADY PRETTY BANGED UP FROM THAT BIG WHITE DUDE...
DID YOU TWO SAVE ME FROM ALL OF THAT?
THANKS.
ROCK...!
?
WE WERE RESCUED TOO...
ER... NO...

WHERE AM I...?
...
RUSH...
WOOF!
ROCK'S AWAKE!




BUT... MEGA MAN WASN'T AWAKE BEFORE, SO...
YEAH, YEAH... YOU DID YOUR LITTLE SONG AND DANCE FOR US ALREADY!
THE HOURLY PAY SQUAD: PART-TIMERS !!
THE EIGHT OF US TOGETHER (THOUGH WE'RE NOT ALL HERE) ARE...



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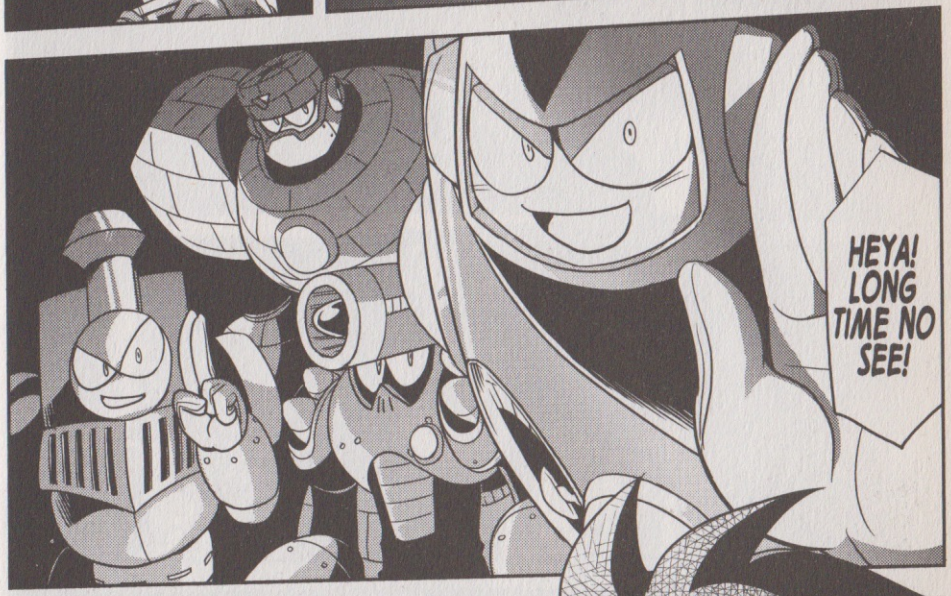
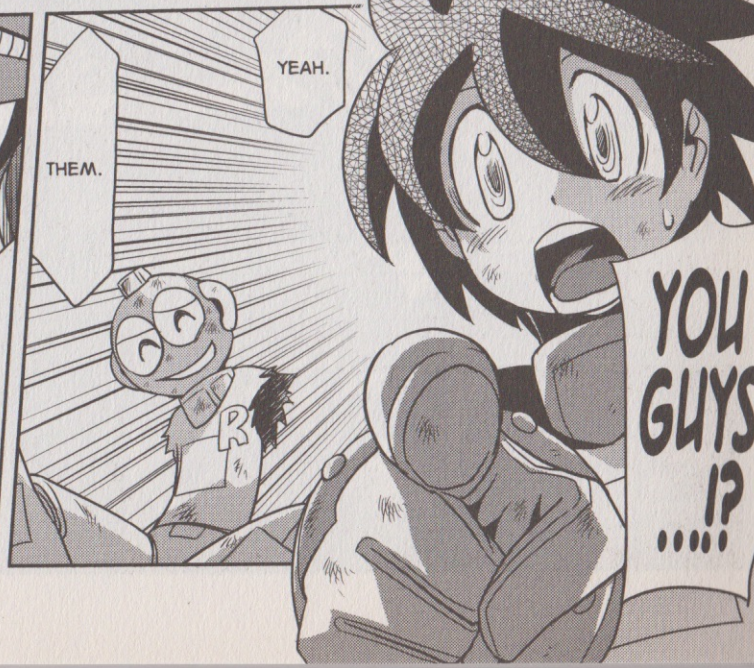
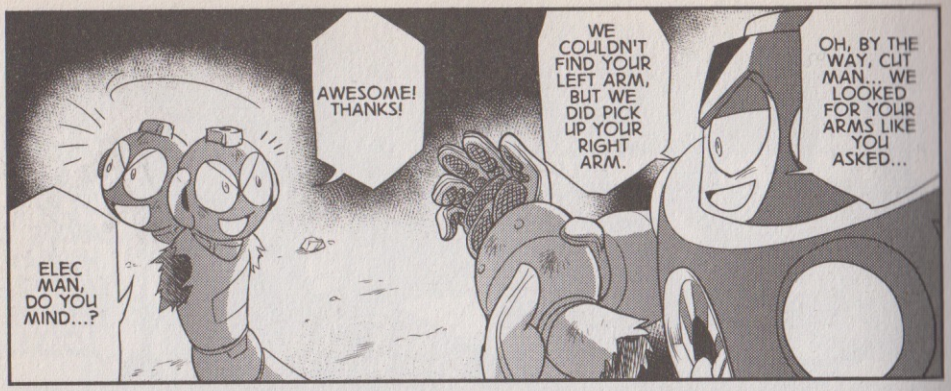
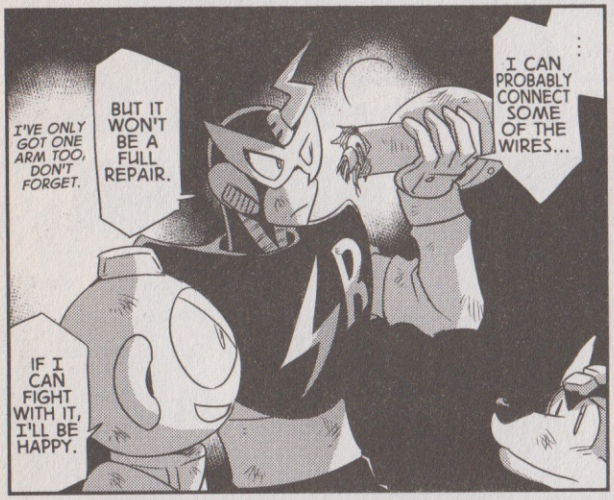
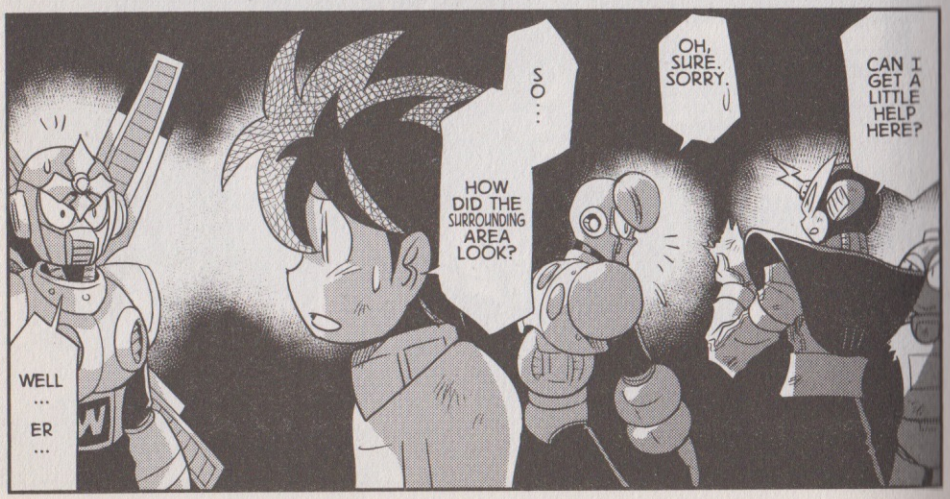


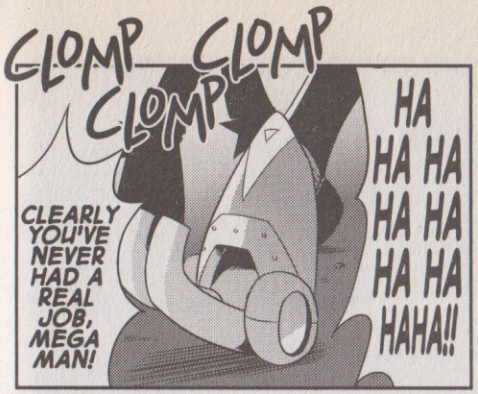



ELEC MAN, DO YOU MIND...?
AWESOME! THANKS!
WE COULDN'T FIND YOUR LEFT ARM, BUT WE DID PICK UP YOUR RIGHT ARM.
OH, BY THE WAY, CUT MAN... WE LOOKED FOR YOUR ARMS LIKE YOU ASKED...


I'VE ONLY GOT ONE ARM TOO, DON'T FORGET.
BUT IT WON'T BE A FULL REPAIR.
IF I CAN FIGHT WITH IT, I'LL BE HAPPY.
I CAN PROBABLY CONNECT SOME OF THE WIRES...

SURE.


WELL ... ER ...
HOW DID THE SURROUNDING AREA LOOK?
SO...
OH, SURE. SORRY.
CAN I GET A LITTLE HELP HERE?

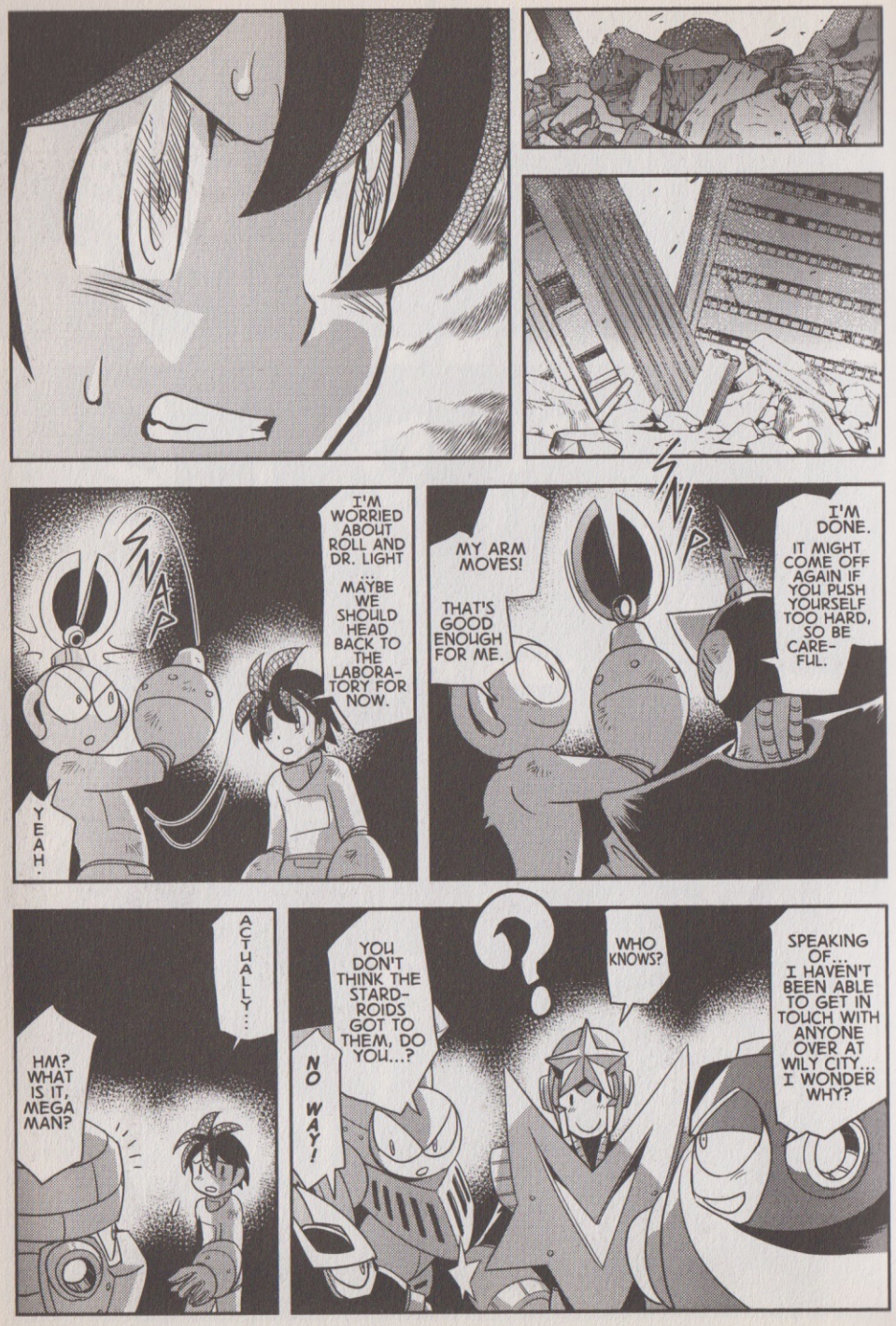

CLOMP CLOMP CLOMP
CLEARLY YOU'VE NEVER HAD A REAL JOB, MEGA MAN!
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HAHA!!

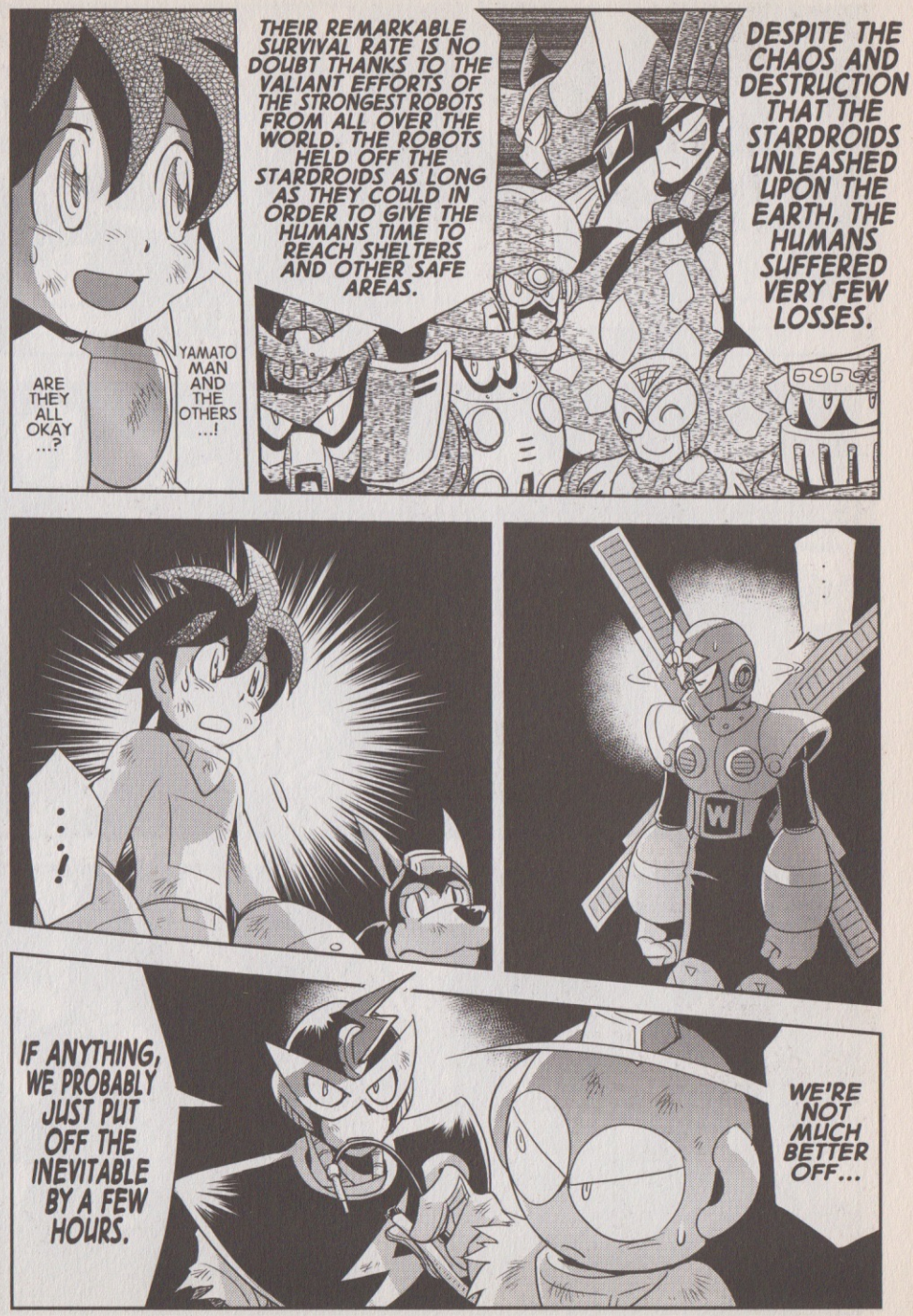
BUT WE AREN'T IN THE AMUSEMENT PARK ANYMORE...
CUSTOMERS ...?

...AND YOU MUST ALSO BE WILLING TO LOOK OUT FOR ALL THE CUSTOMERS THAT MAY VISIT YOUR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE FUTURE! ONLY THEN CAN YOU BE CONSIDERED A TRUE CUSTOMER SERVICE SPECIALIST!
YOU MUST CONTINUE TO LOOK OUT FOR ALL THE CUSTOMERS THAT HAVE VISITED YOUR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE PAST...
GOOD CUSTOMER SERVICE MEANS MORE THAN JUST HELPING THOSE YOU SEE AT WORK!

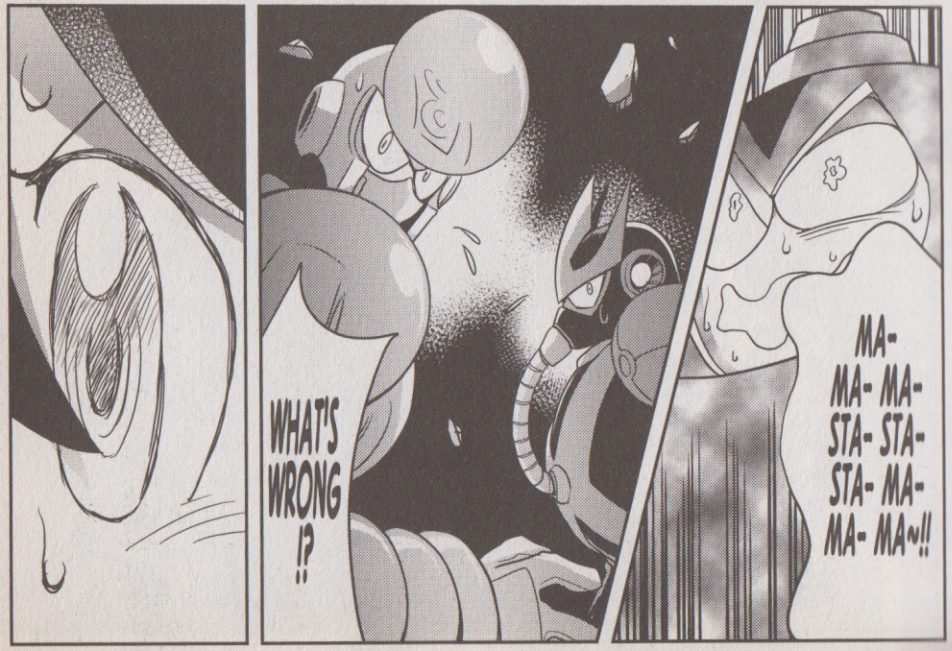
WE REHEARSED OUR CHOREOGRAPHY FOR HOURS! YOU'RE A MEANIE!!

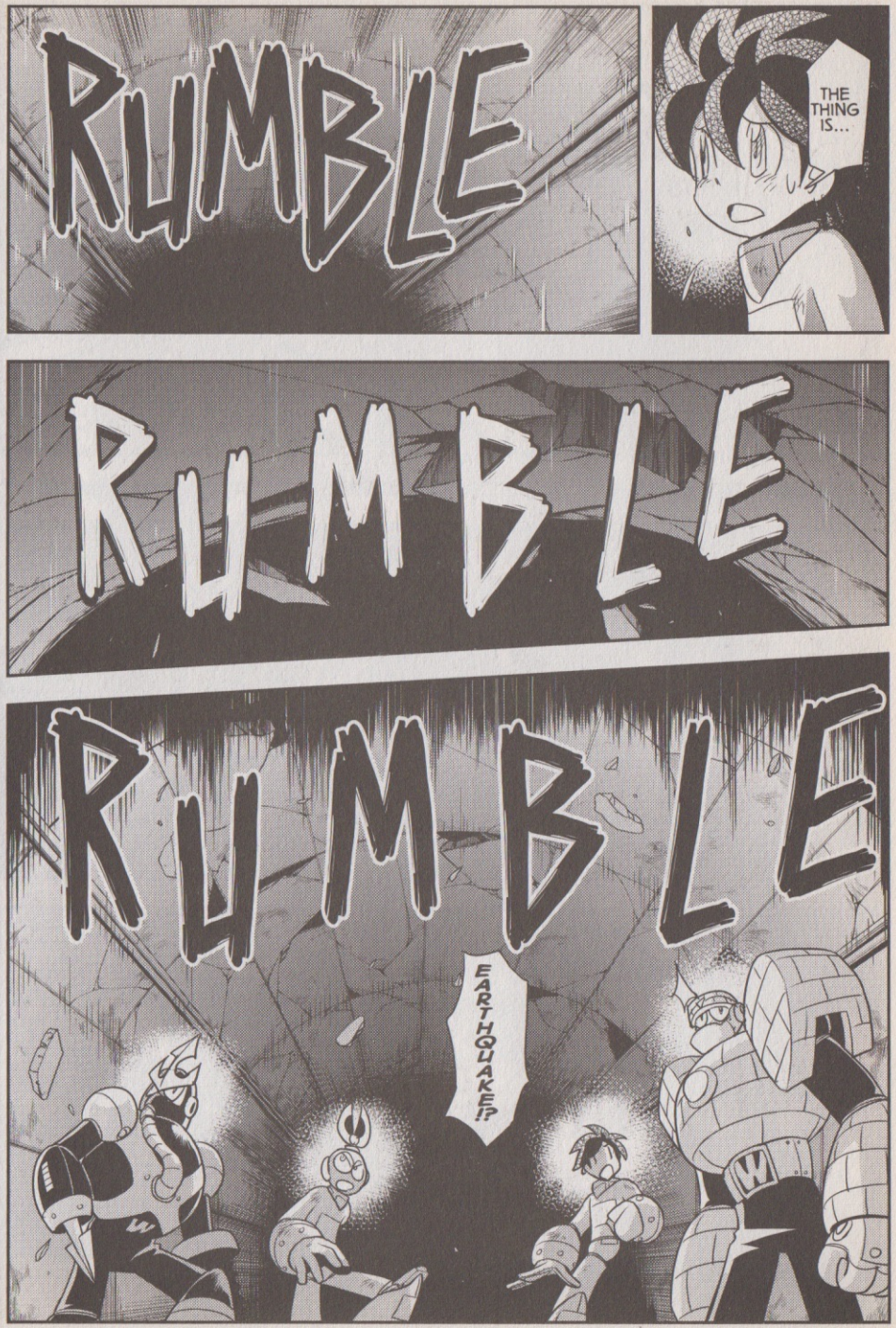
BONK
WE ARE... THE HOURLY PAY SQ-
WE ENSURE ALL OF OUR CUSTOMERS ENJOY THEIR TIME WITH US!
PRESENT!
PAST!
FUTURE!
ENOUGH ALREADY!!


I'M WORRIED ABOUT ROLL AND DR. LIGHT ... MAYBE WE SHOULD HEAD BACK TO THE LABORATORY FOR NOW.
SNAP
YEAH.
MY ARM MOVES! THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME.
I'M DONE. IT MIGHT COME OFF AGAIN IF YOU PUSH YOURSELF TOO HARD, SO BE CAREFUL.
SNAP
ACTUALLY...
HM? WHAT IS IT, MEGA MAN?
YOU DON'T THINK THE STARDROIDS GOT TO THEM, DO YOU...?
NO WAY!
WHO KNOWS?
SPEAKING OF... I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH ANYONE OVER AT WILY CITY... I WONDER WHY?


ARE THEY ALL OKAY ...?
YAMATO MAN AND THE OTHERS ...!
THEIR REMARKABLE SURVIVAL RATE IS NO DOUBT THANKS TO THE VALIANT EFFORTS OF THE STRONGEST ROBOTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD. THE ROBOTS HELD OFF THE STARDROIDS AS LONG AS THEY COULD IN ORDER TO GIVE THE HUMANS TIME TO REACH SHELTERS AND OTHER SAFE AREAS.
DESPITE THE CHAOS AND DESTRUCTION THAT THE STARDROIDS UNLEASHED UPON THE EARTH, THE HUMANS SUFFERED VERY FEW LOSSES.
...!
...
IF ANYTHING, WE PROBABLY JUST PUT OFF THE INEVITABLE BY A FEW HOURS.
WE'RE NOT MUCH BETTER OFF...

HALT
GRAVITY HOLD!!
KRUMBLE
LOOK OUT!!
WE HAVE TO GET TO THE SURFACE!
NICE WORK!!
GO, QUICKLY!


WHAT'S WRONG!?
MA- MA- MA- STA- STA- STA- MA- MA- MA~!!

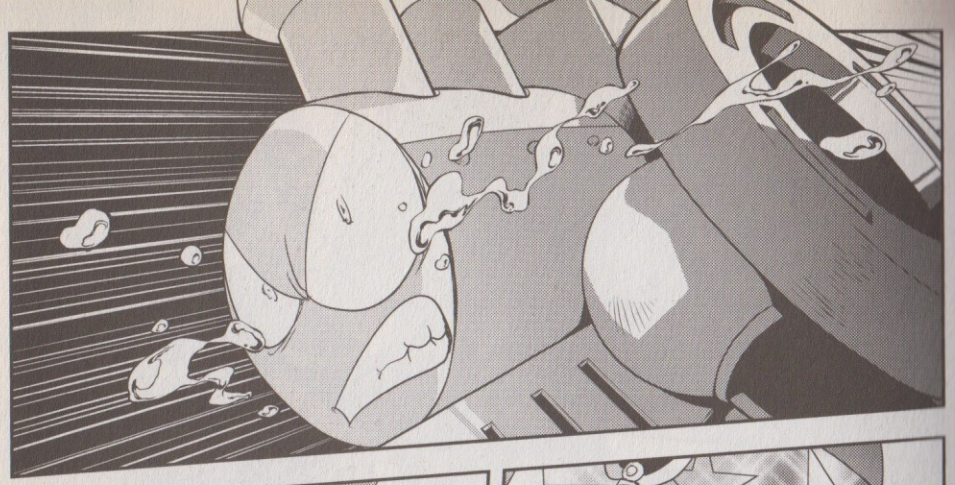

RUMBLE
THE THING IS...
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
EARTHQUAKE!?

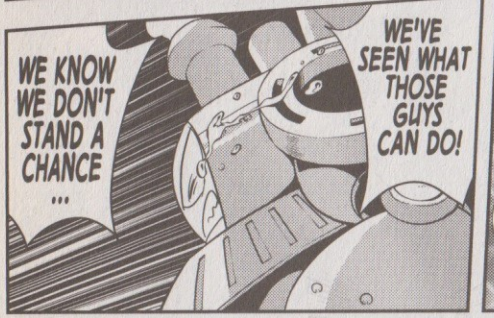
GRAVITY!!
YOU MONSTER!
HA HA HA HA !!
OOZE
I'M NOT A MONSTER ...
I AM LORD MERCURY ...
ONE OF THE STAR-DROIDS.
AND...
TADA

STONE!!
KLOMP
BA-WA-MOOOOOOO!!
SNORT
STAB
WH...?
HA HA HA
THAT'S URANUS.

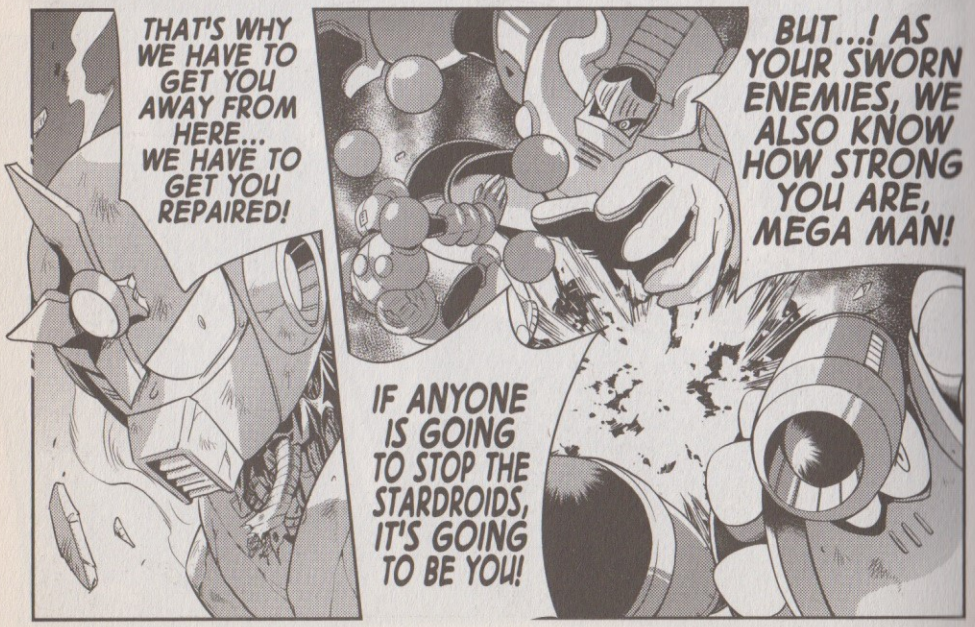
STAR MAN!?
!?
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
STAR CRASH!!
WATER WAVE!!
FOOSH
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING!?
I'M GONE!
GO, CHARGE!
TONK
KLAK

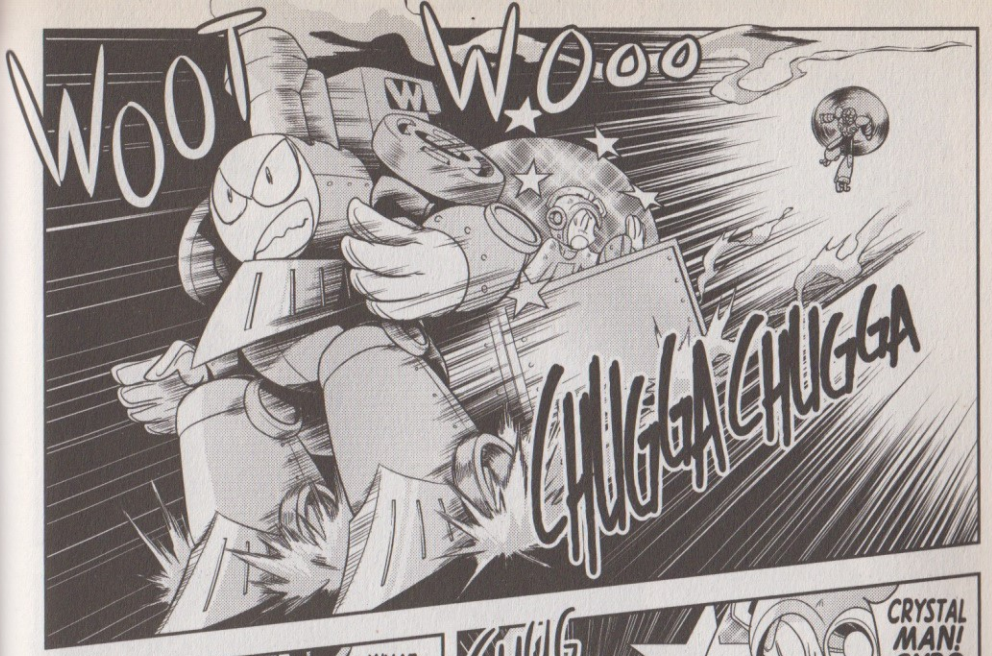
KLOMP
KLOMP
KLOMP
KLOMP
RUMBLE
HE MUST HAVE CAUSED THAT "EARTH-QUAKE" EARLIER.
RUMBLE
HE'S SHAKING THE GROUND !!
ROGER!!
LET'S DO THIS, GUYS! MODE "Z"!!!
RUMBLE




WE KNOW WE DON'T STAND A CHANCE ...
WE'VE SEEN WHAT THOSE GUYS CAN DO!

CHARGE MAN ...

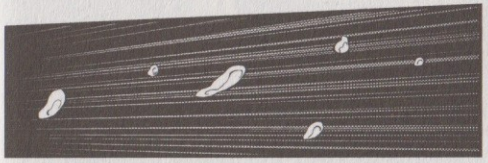

THAT'S WHY WE HAVE TO GET YOU AWAY FROM HERE... WE HAVE TO GET YOU REPAIRED!
BUT...! AS YOUR SWORN ENEMIES, WE ALSO KNOW HOW STRONG YOU ARE, MEGA MAN!
IF ANYONE IS GOING TO STOP THE STARDROIDS, IT'S GOING TO BE YOU!

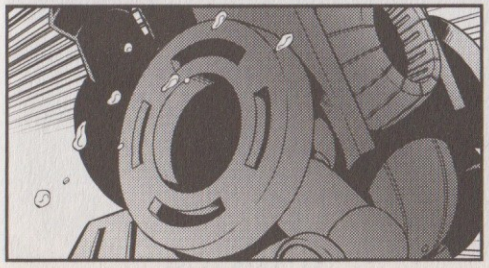

WOOT
WOOO
CHUGGA CHUGGA

LET US OUT !!

THE BATTLE-FIELD IS NO PLACE FOR THE WOUNDED!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!? STOP!!

CHUG
CHUG CHUG
CRYSTAL MAN! GYRO MAN! WAVE MAN!





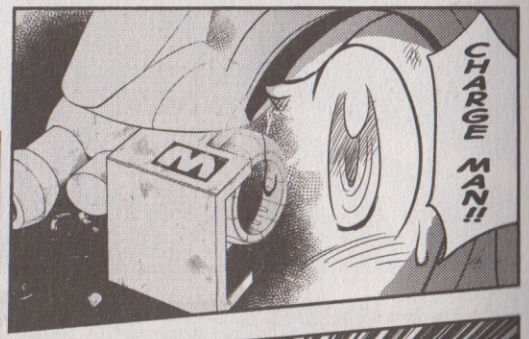
IRRITATED
AGAIN WITH THE "PART-TIMERS!"
ENOUGH WITH YOUR STUPID SQUAD! JUST...

ONCE WE DECIDE TO PROTECT A CUSTOMER, THE PART-TIMERS NEVER FAIL IN THEIR DUTY!

AAAH!
TOPPLE
POP
KRASH
UH...?
THE BARRIER'S GONE!?
WHAT JUST HAP-PENED!?
DUN
DUN
THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE! WE WERE HEADED AWAY FROM HERE AT FULL SPEED!!
CRYSTAL MAN! THEY'RE ALL HERE!?
YOU SEEM CONFUSED! LET ME EXPLAIN ...

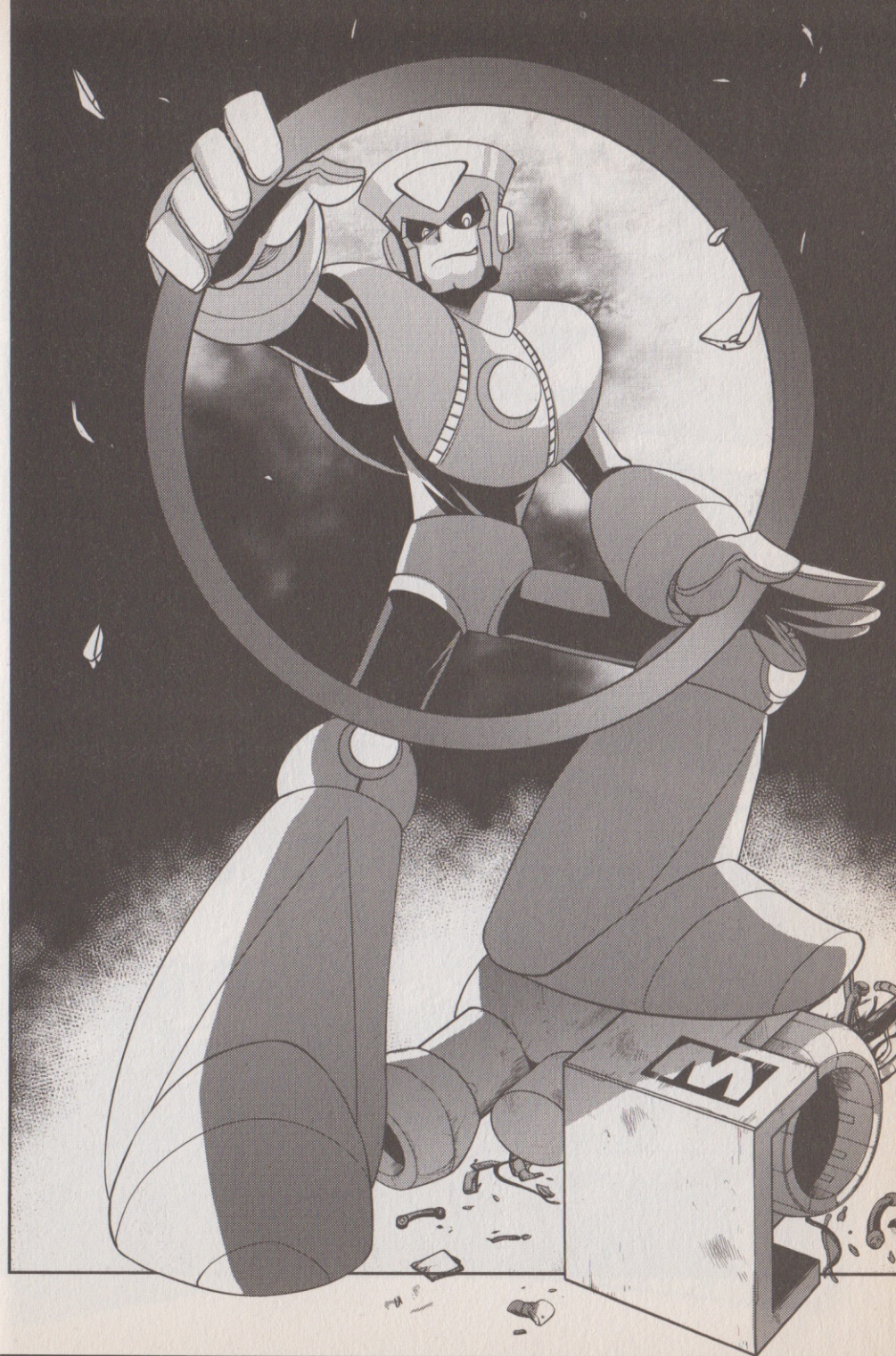
CHARGE MAN... EVERYONE...!
WE'RE DOING THIS FOR...OUR CUSTOMERS!
I...
DANGIT! IF ONLY I HAD MY OTHER ARM...!!
EERRT
...!?
WHAT...?
BLURRY

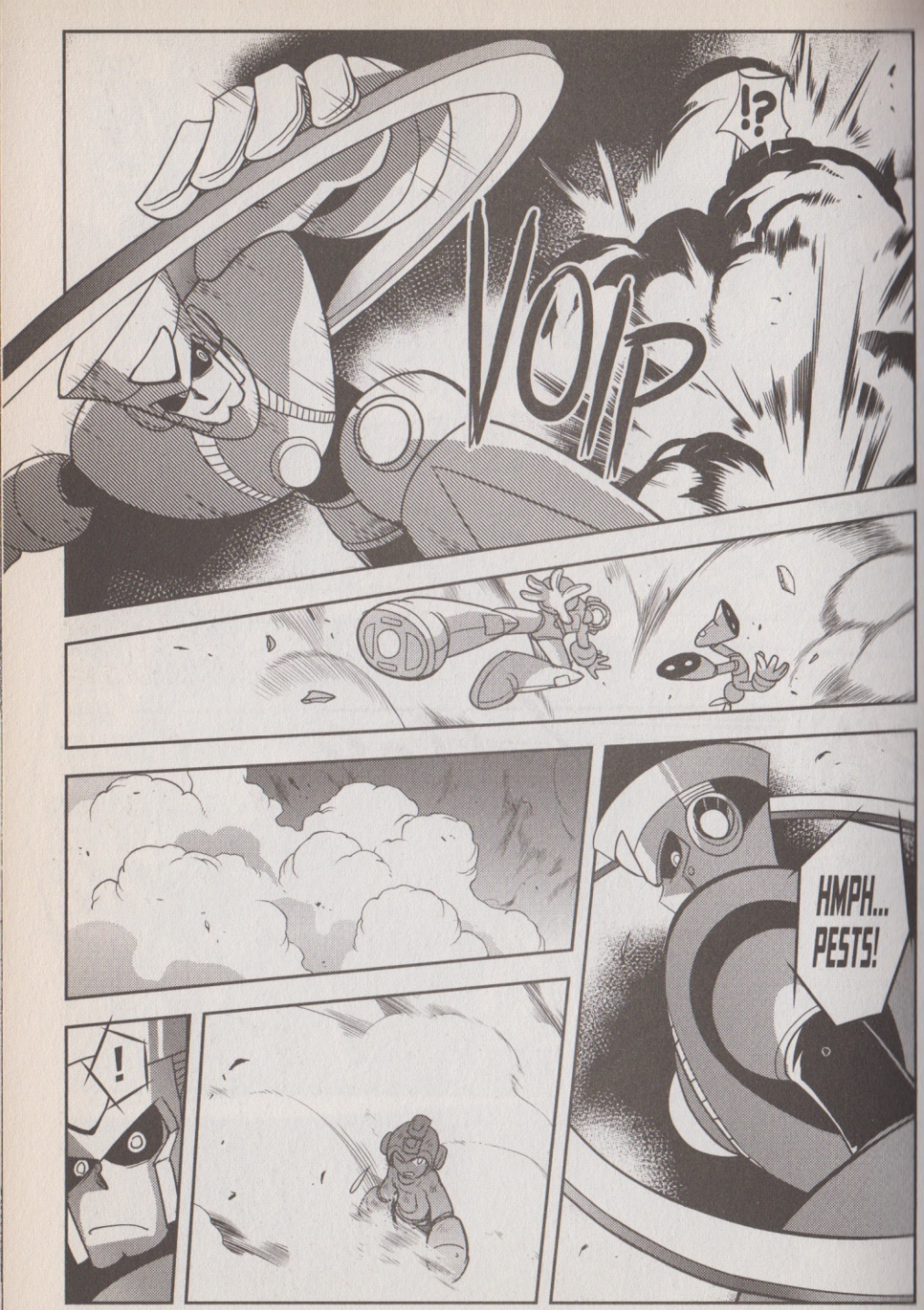
I CAN MANIPULATE SPACE AND EVEN CONNECT TWO POINTS IF I WANT TO.
ISN'T THAT SO VERY INTER-ESTING?
I AM SATURN... I CAN ABSORB THINGS INTO MY BLACK HOLE AND EXPEL THEM AT WILL.


CHARGE MAN!!

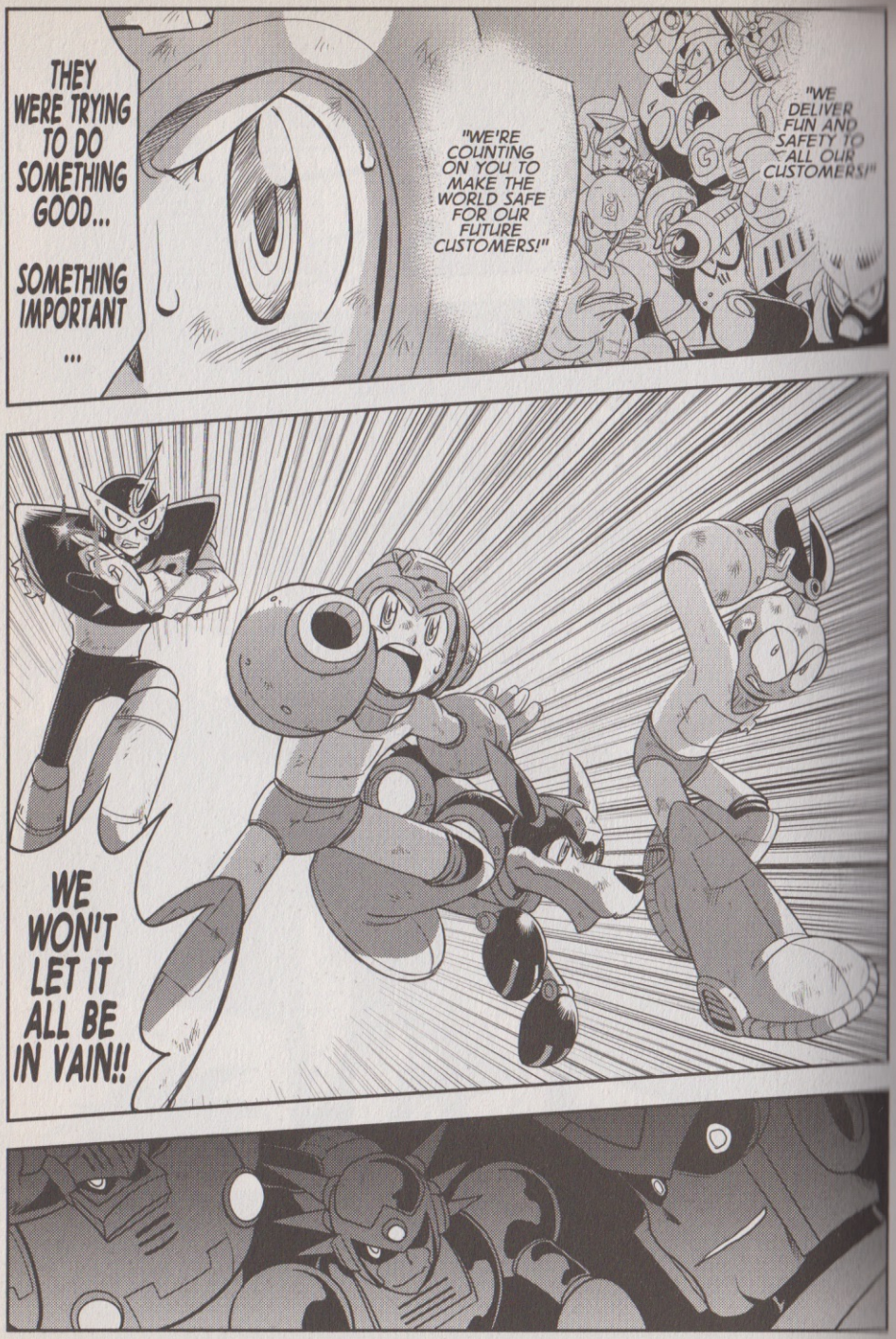
DO YOU INTEND TO FIGHT ME?
YOU ARE ALL BARELY FUNC-TIONAL.

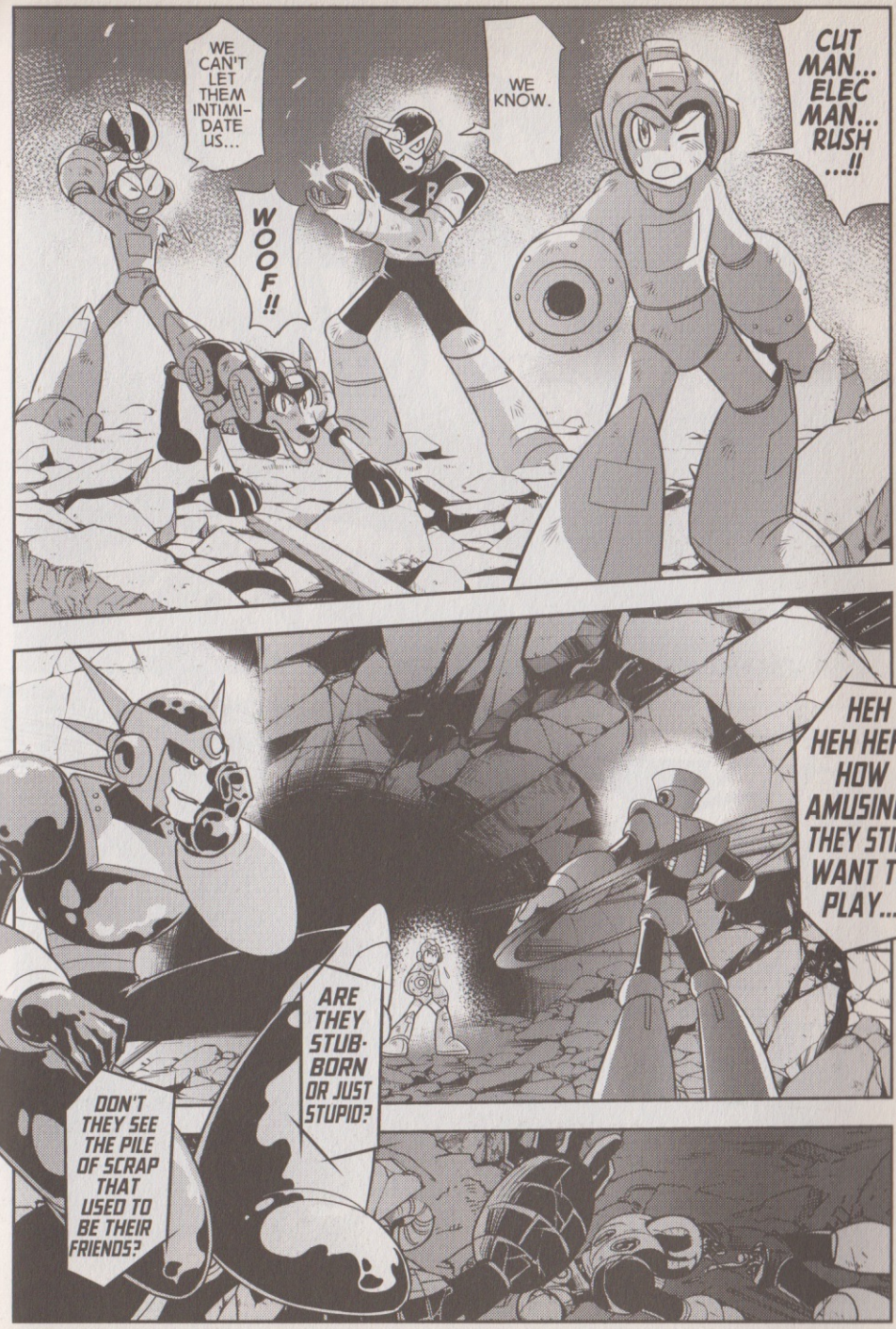
WHY YOU...!!




!?
VOIP
HMPH... PESTS!
!

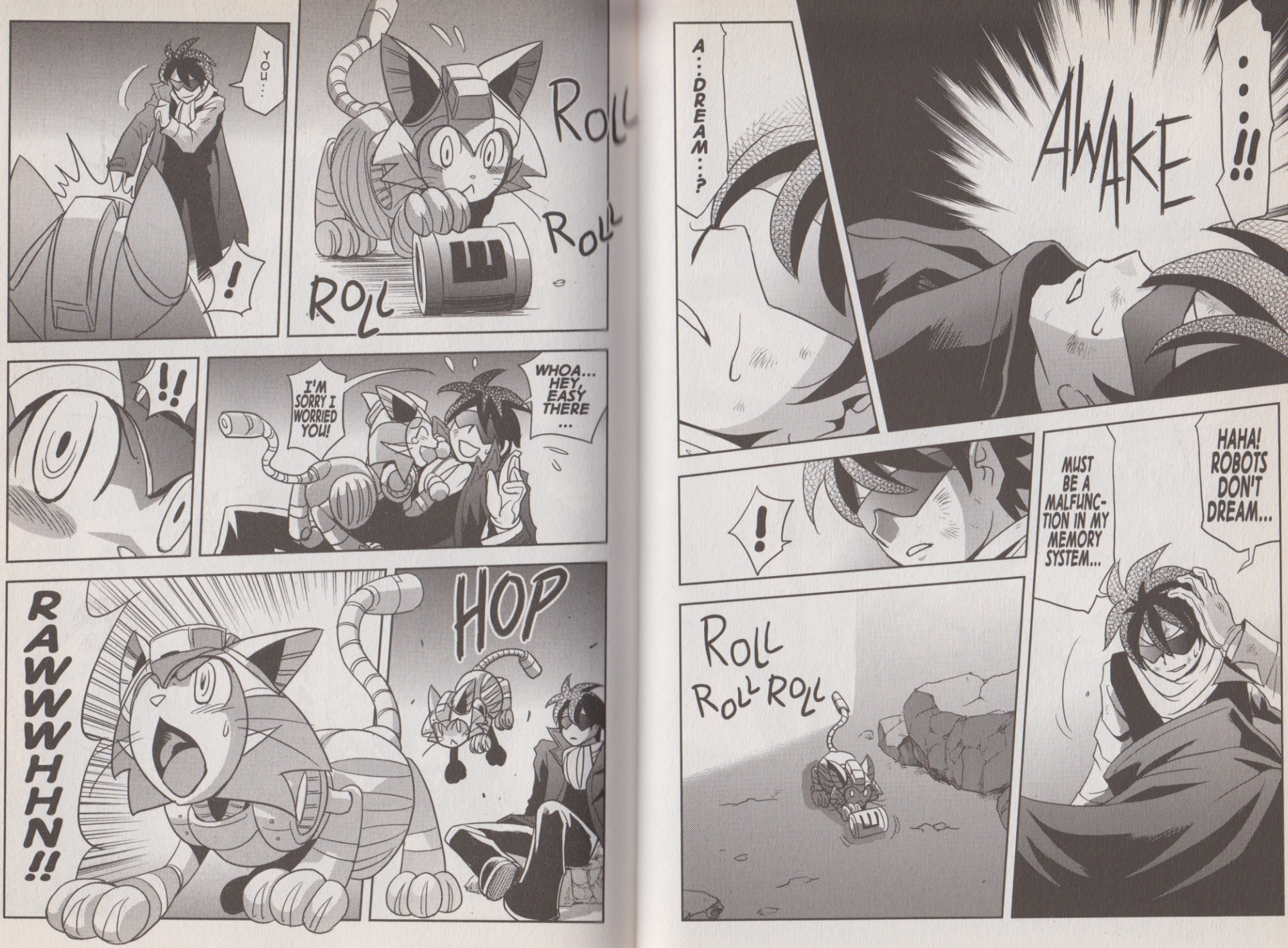
!?
VOIP
BA WOOM
SHOO SHOO
KA SHOO


THEY WERE TRYING TO DO SOMETHING GOOD...
SOMETHING IMPORTANT...
"WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU TO MAKE THE WORLD SAFE FOR OUR FUTURE CUSTOMERS!"
"WE DELIVER FUN AND SAFETY TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS!"
WE WON'T LET IT ALL BE IN VAIN!!


WE CAN'T LET THEM INTIMIDATE US...
WOOF!!
WE KNOW.
CUT MAN... ELEC MAN... RUSH...!!
HEH HEH HEH. HOW AMUSING! THEY STILL WANT TO PLAY...
ARE THEY STUBBORN OR JUST STUPID?
DON'T THEY SEE THE PILE OF SCRAP THAT USED TO BE THEIR FRIENDS?

UGH

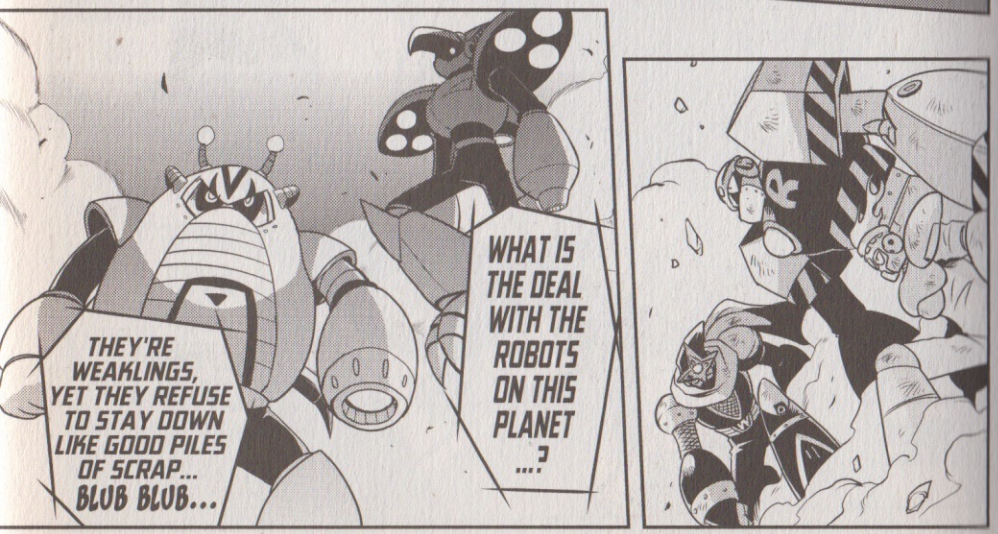
KRAKLE
KRAK
KRAKLE
KRAKLE
KRAK
KRAK
...!!
KRAKLE

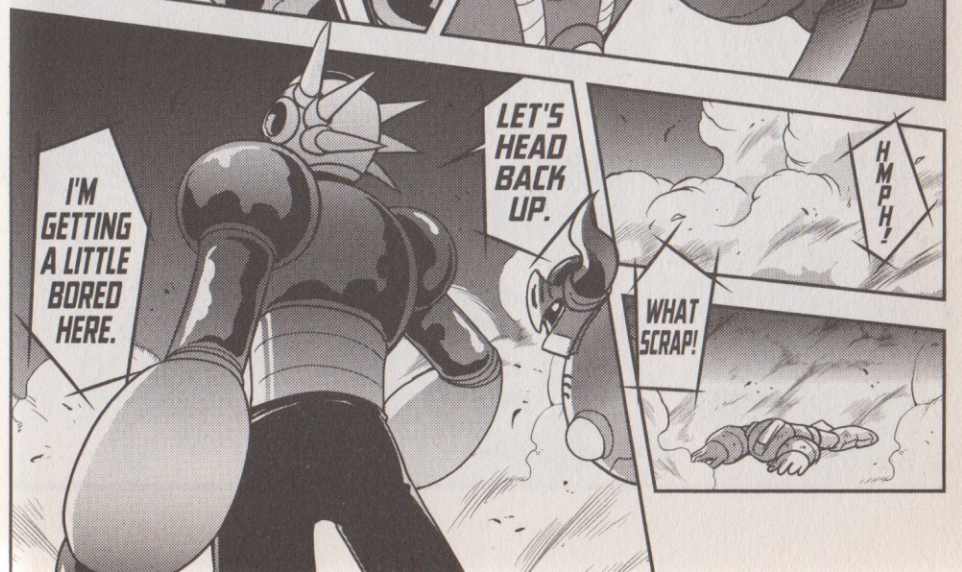

YOU...
!
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
!!
I'M SORRY I WORRIED YOU!
WHOA... HEY, EASY THERE...
RAWWHHN!!
HOP
A...DREAM...?
AWAKE
...!!
!
MUST BE A MALFUNC-TION IN MY MEMORY SYSTEM...
HAHA! ROBOTS DON'T DREAM...
ROLL
ROLL ROLL

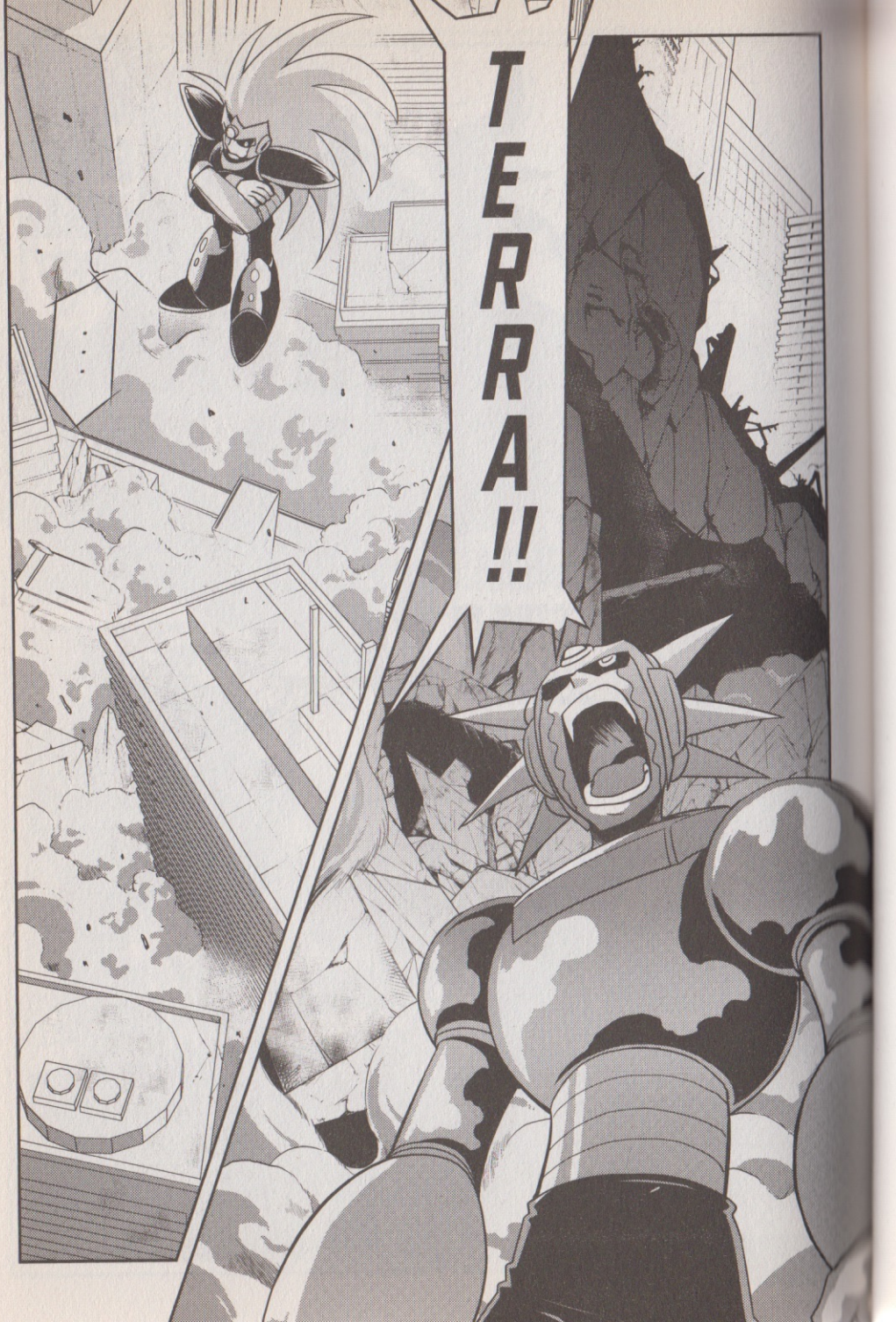
WA WOOM
ELECTRIC SHOCK!!
SKAKZA
ZKT
NOOOOO!!

I ADMIT I WAS A BIT INTRIGUED WHEN I SENSED ONE OF OUR OWN... HOW VERY...
... DISAP-POINTING.
YOU'RE BROKEN.
STAR...
...DROIDS...

WHAT THE...


THEY'RE WEAKLINGS, YET THEY REFUSE TO STAY DOWN LIKE GOOD PILES OF SCRAP... BLUB BLUB...
WHAT IS THE DEAL WITH THE ROBOTS ON THIS PLANET ...?


I'M GETTING A LITTLE BORED HERE.
LET'S HEAD BACK UP.
HMPH!
WHAT SCRAP!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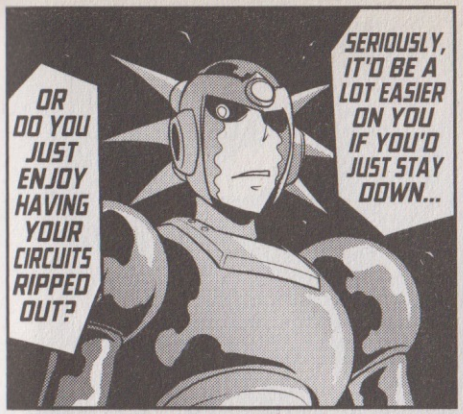
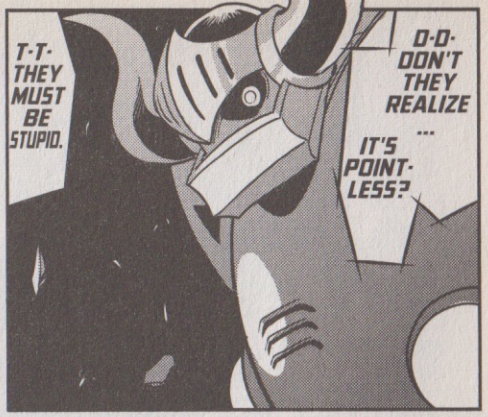
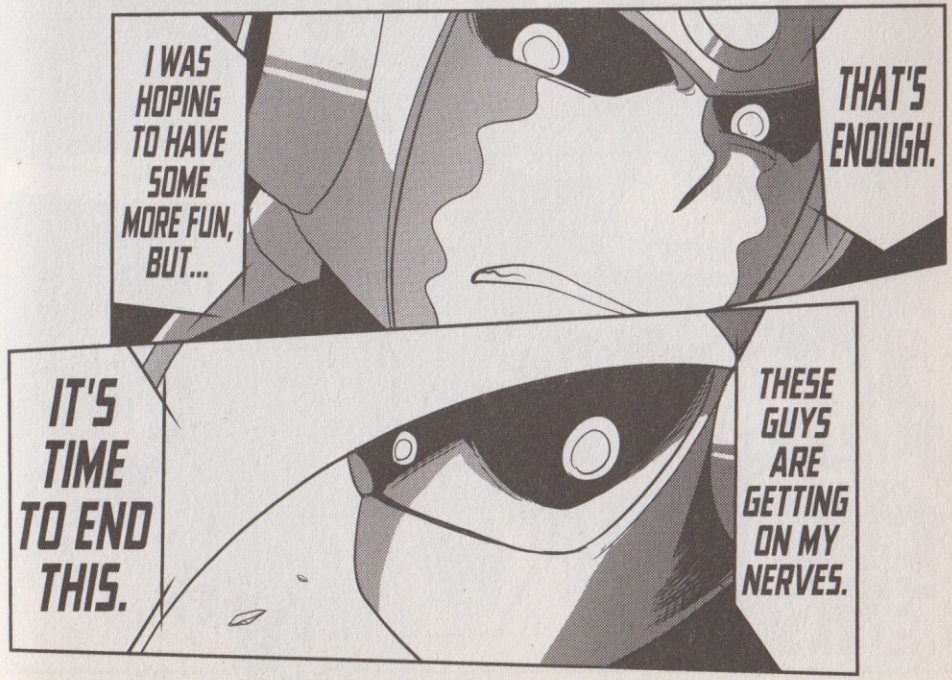
TERRA!!

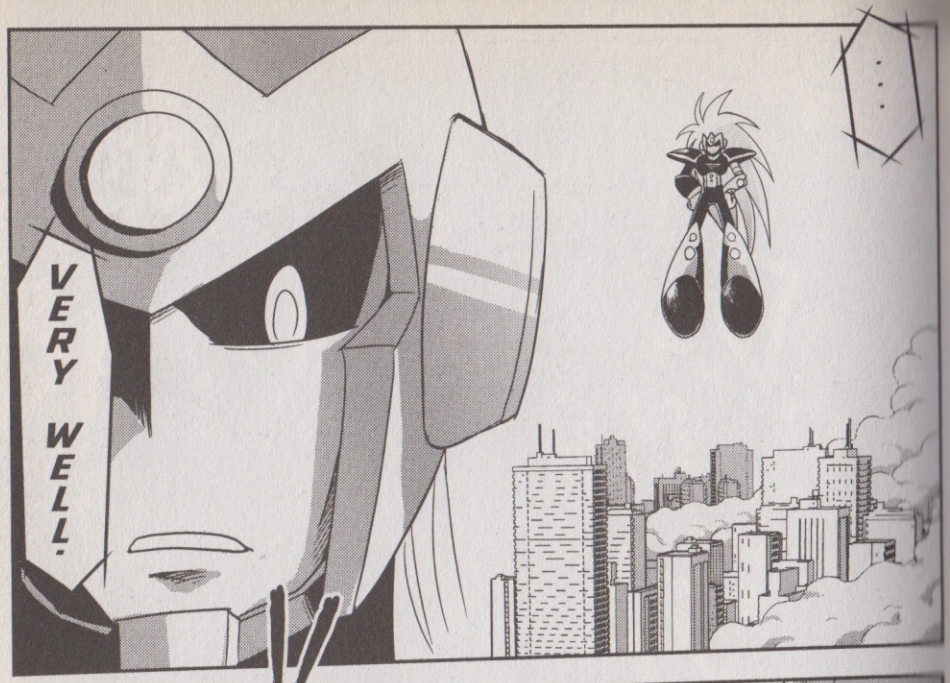

SERIOUSLY, IT'D BE A LOT EASIER ON YOU IF YOU'D JUST STAY DOWN...
OR DO YOU JUST ENJOY HAVING YOUR CIRCUITS RIPPED OUT?


T-T-THEY MUST BE STUPID.
O-O-DON'T THEY REALIZE ... IT'S POINT-LESS?

WHAT... DID YOU CALL US...?

WH...
...MORONS.
SHUT UP...


I WAS HOPING TO HAVE SOME MORE FUN, BUT...
THAT'S ENOUGH.
IT'S TIME TO END THIS.
THESE GUYS ARE GETTING ON MY NERVES.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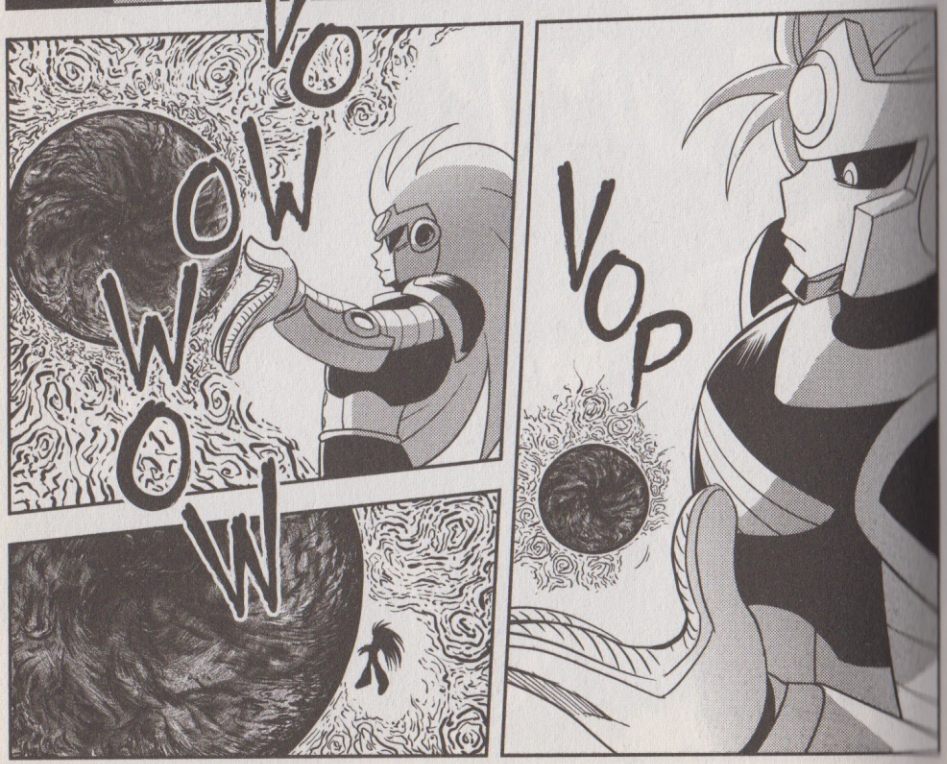
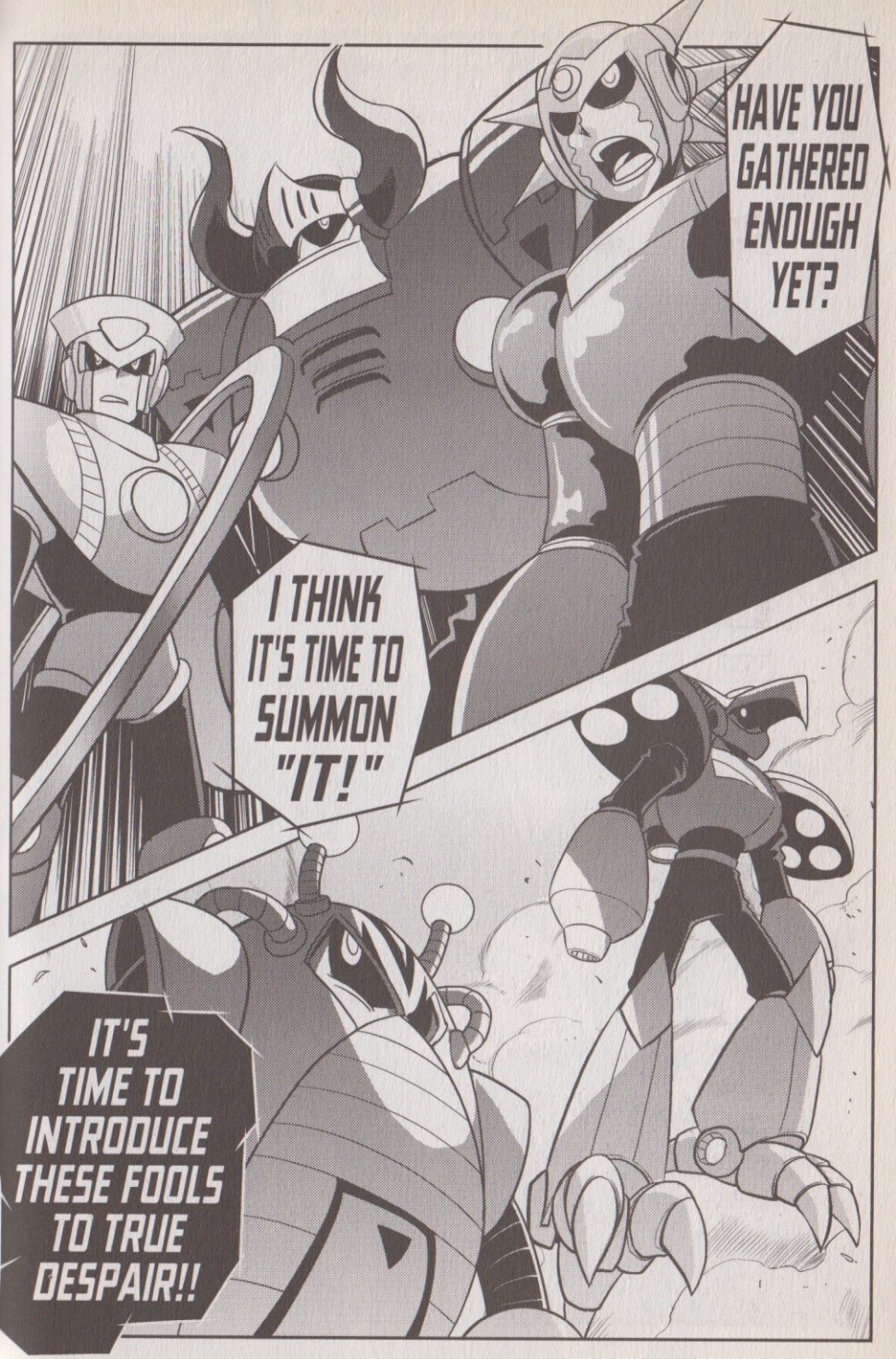
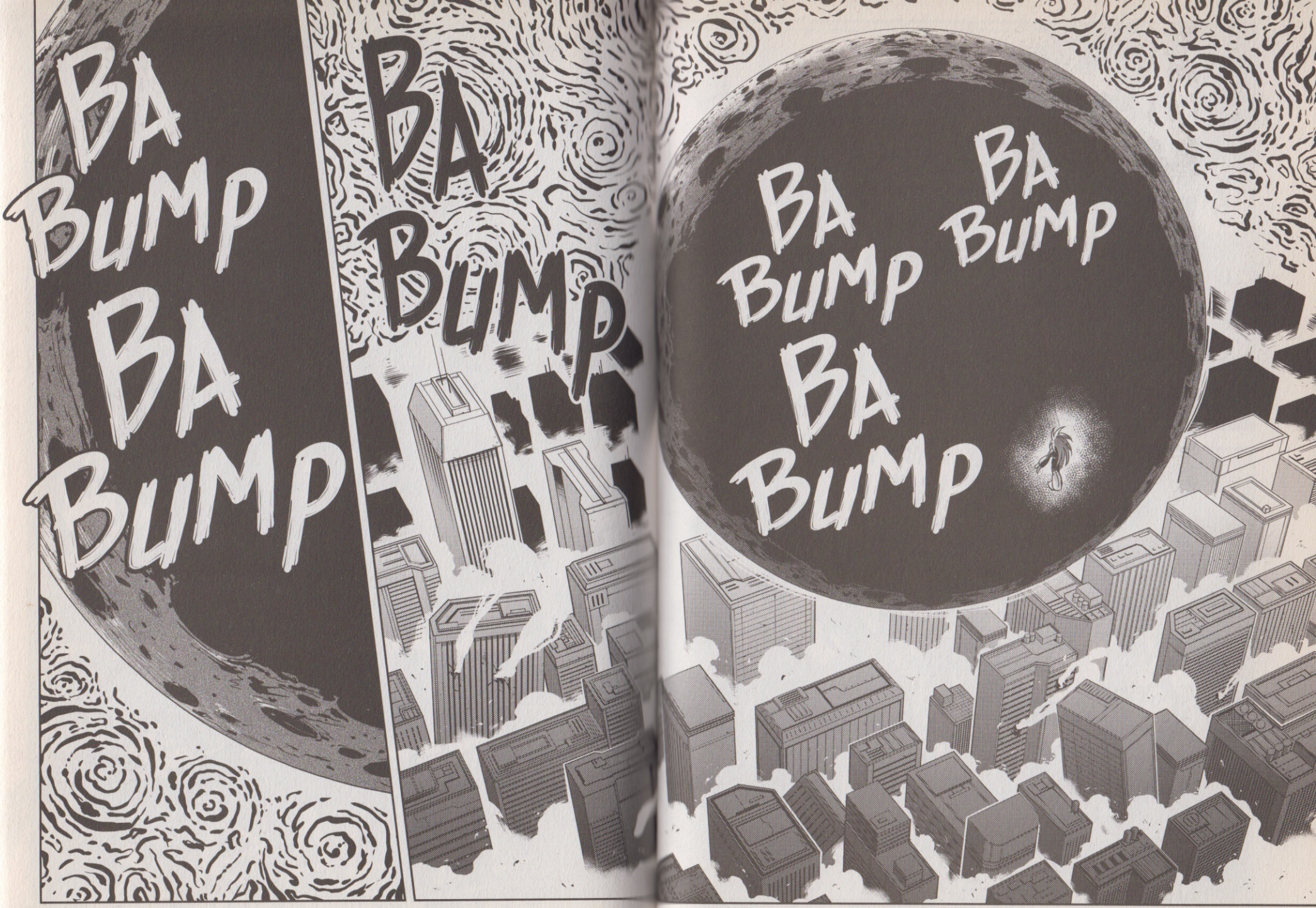
VERY WELL.


VOWOWOW
VOP


HAVE YOU GATHERED ENOUGH YET?
I THINK IT'S TIME TO SUMMON "IT!"
IT'S TIME TO INTRODUCE THESE FOOLS TO TRUE DESPAIR!!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BUMP
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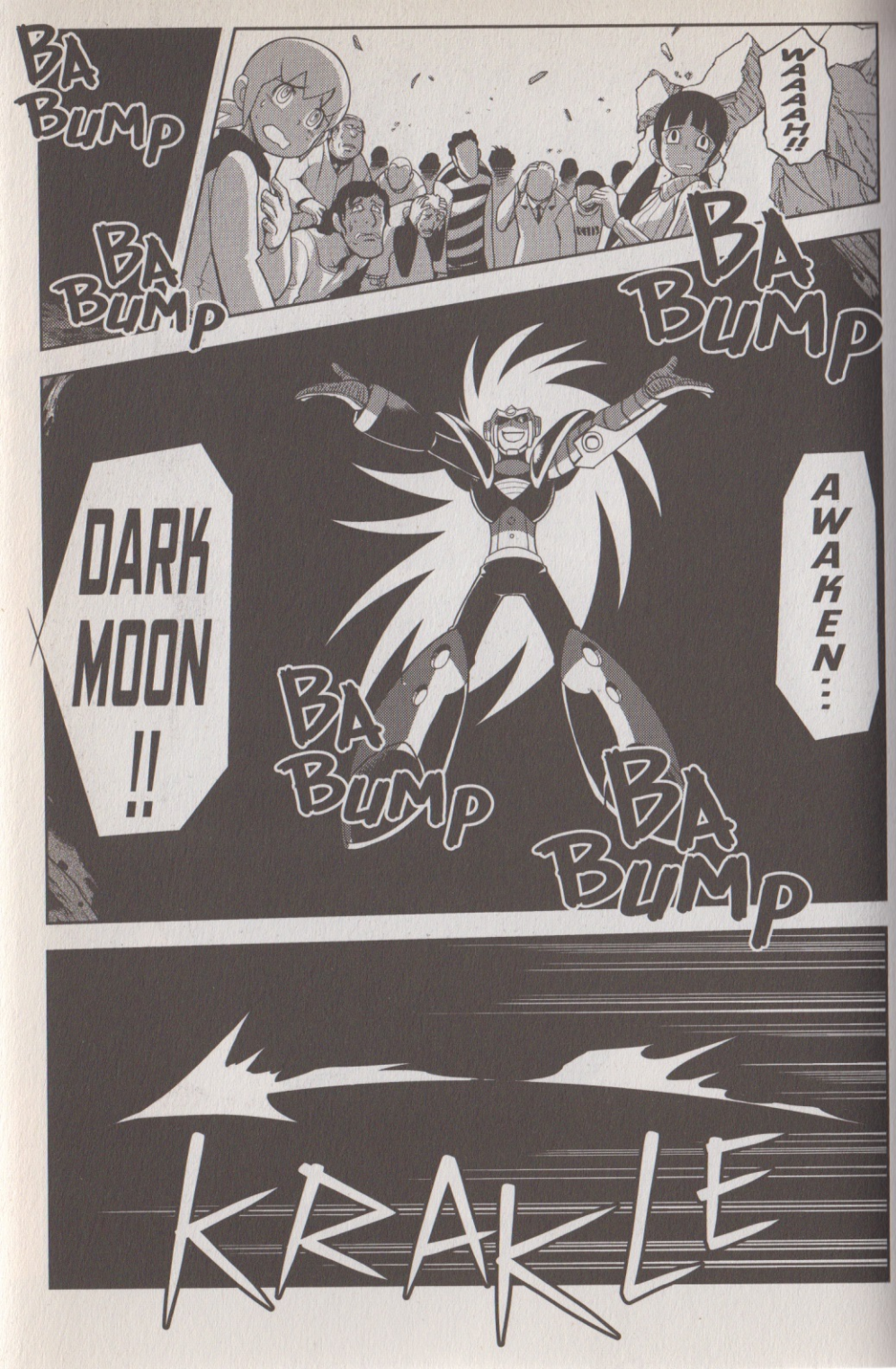
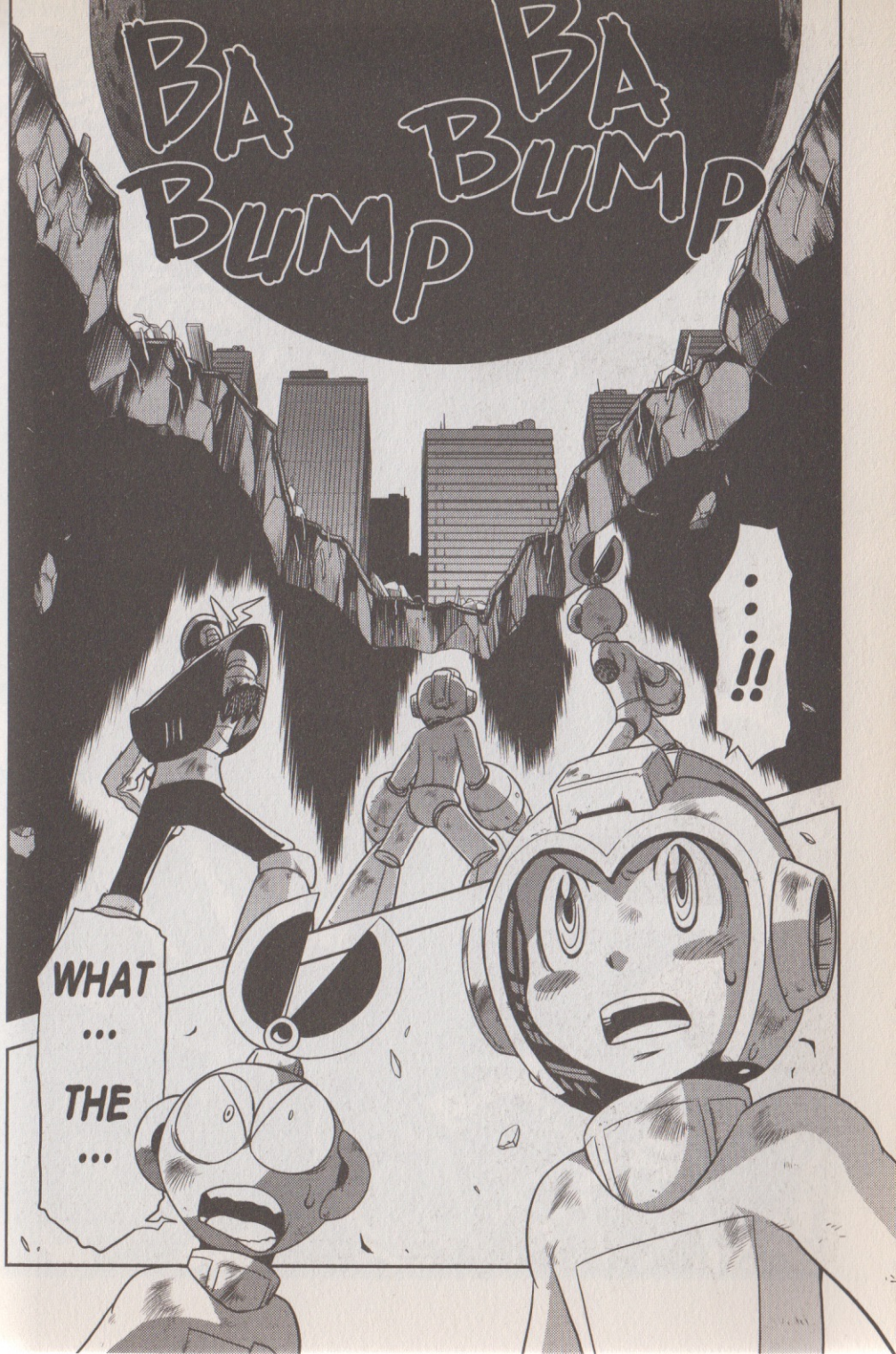
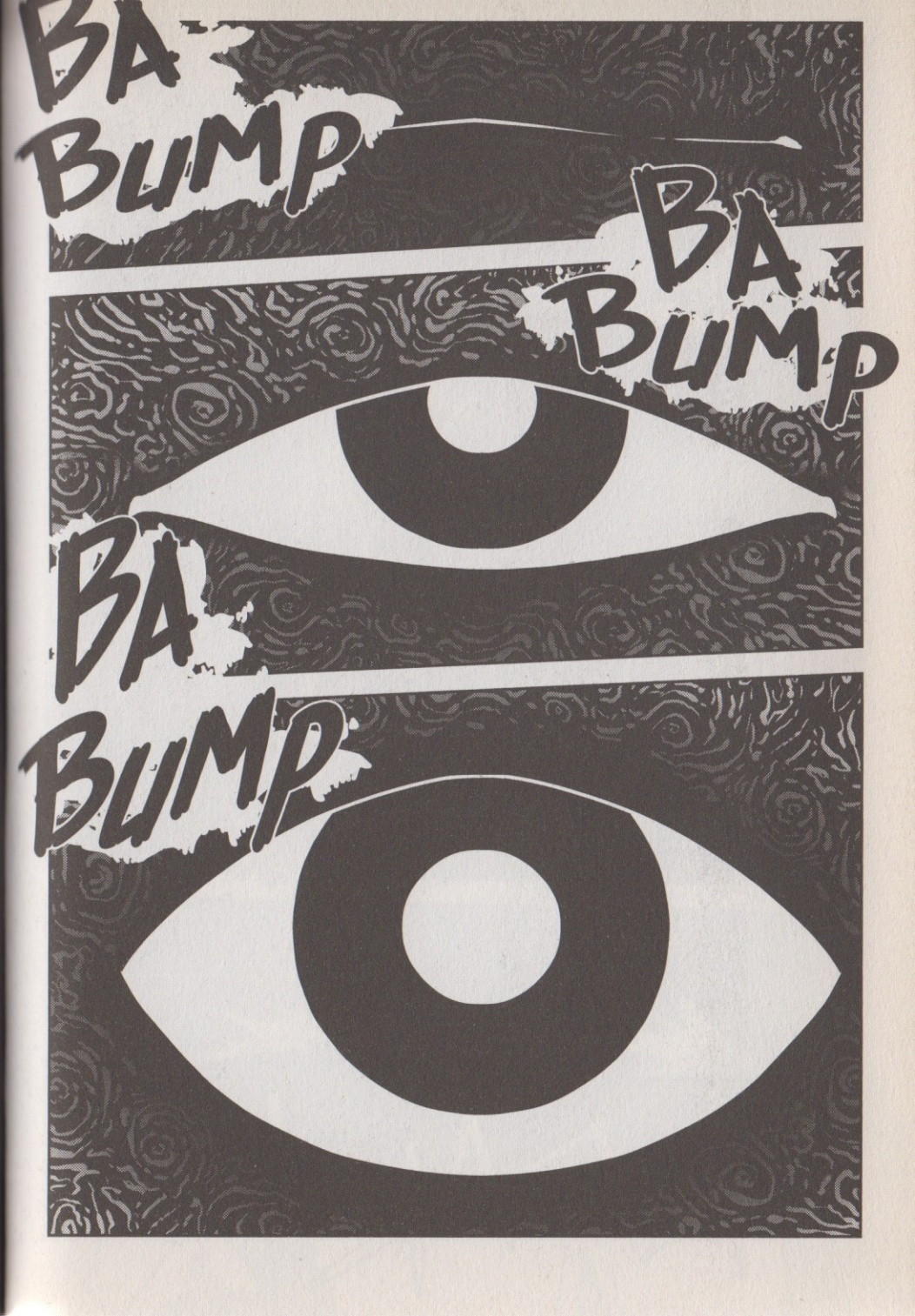
BUMP


BA BUMP
BA BUMP
WAAAH!!
BA BUMP
DARK MOON !!
AWAKEN...
BA BUMP
BA BUMP
KRAKLE


BA BUMP
BA BUMP
...!!
WHAT ... THE ...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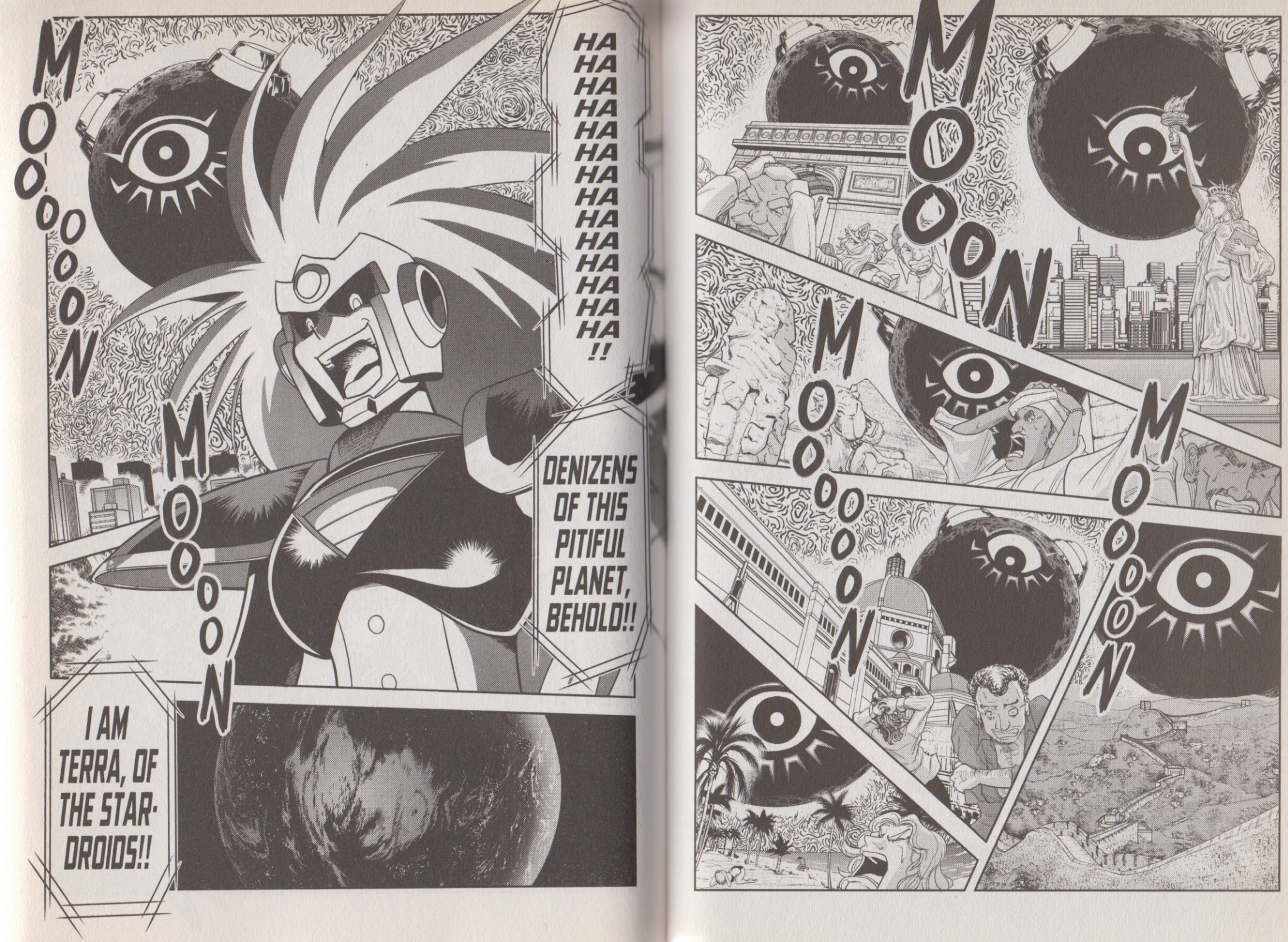
MOOOOOON
MOOOOOON
HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!
DENIZENS OF THIS PITIFUL PLANET, BEHOLD!!
I AM TERRA, OF THE STAR-DROIDS!!
MOOOOOON
MOOOOOON
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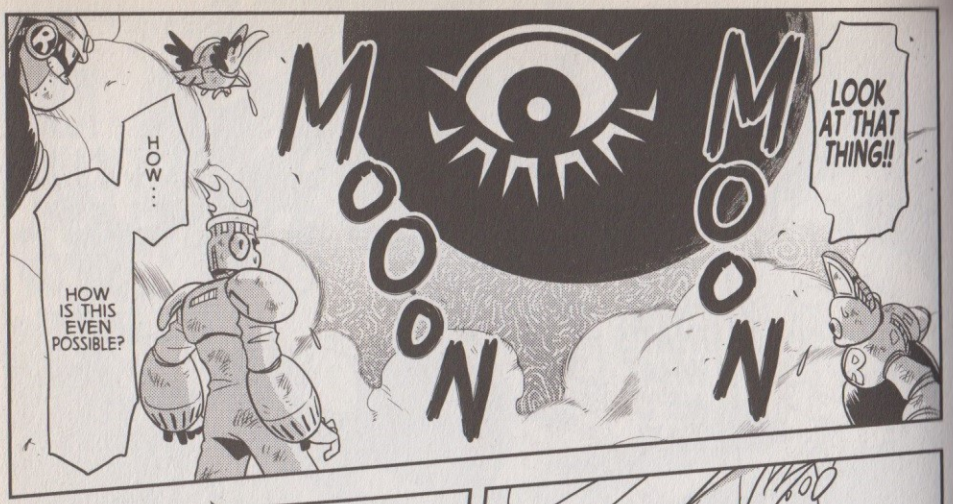
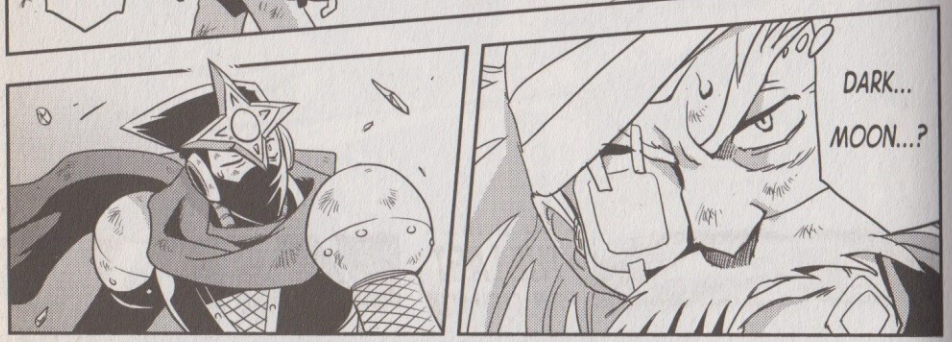
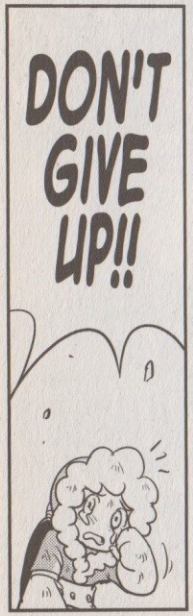
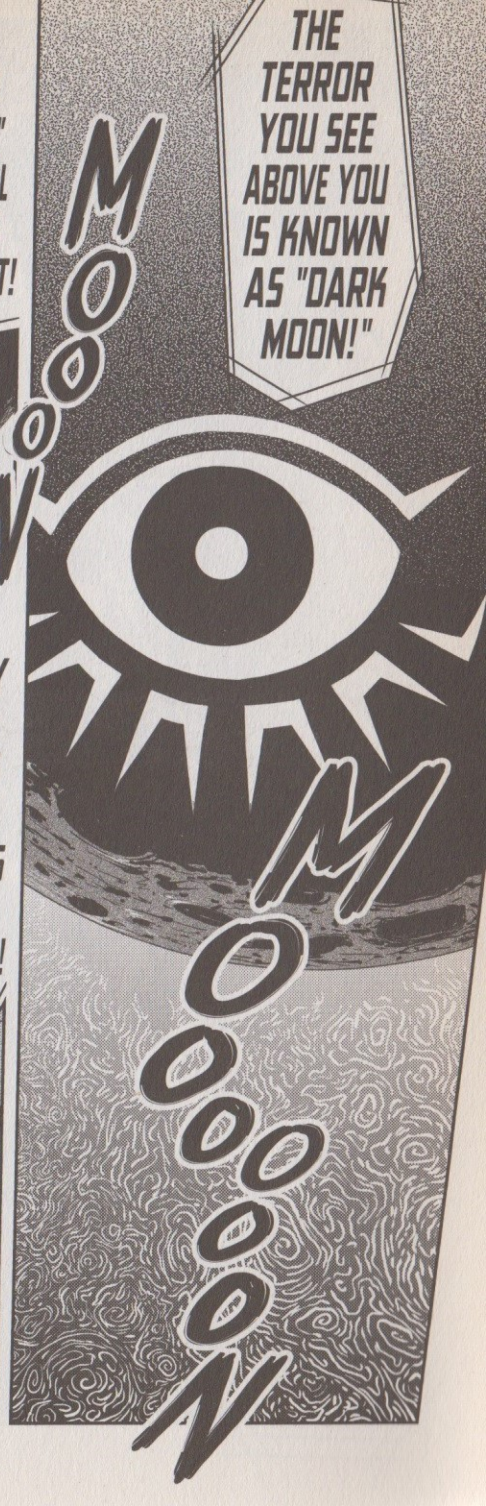
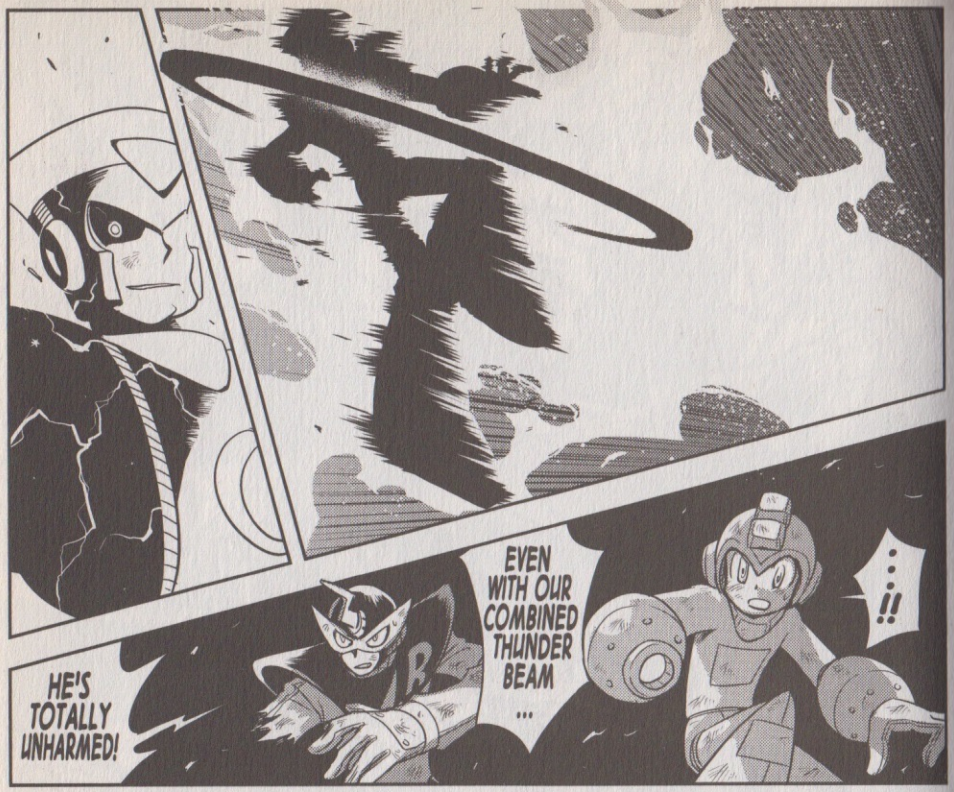
MOOOOOON

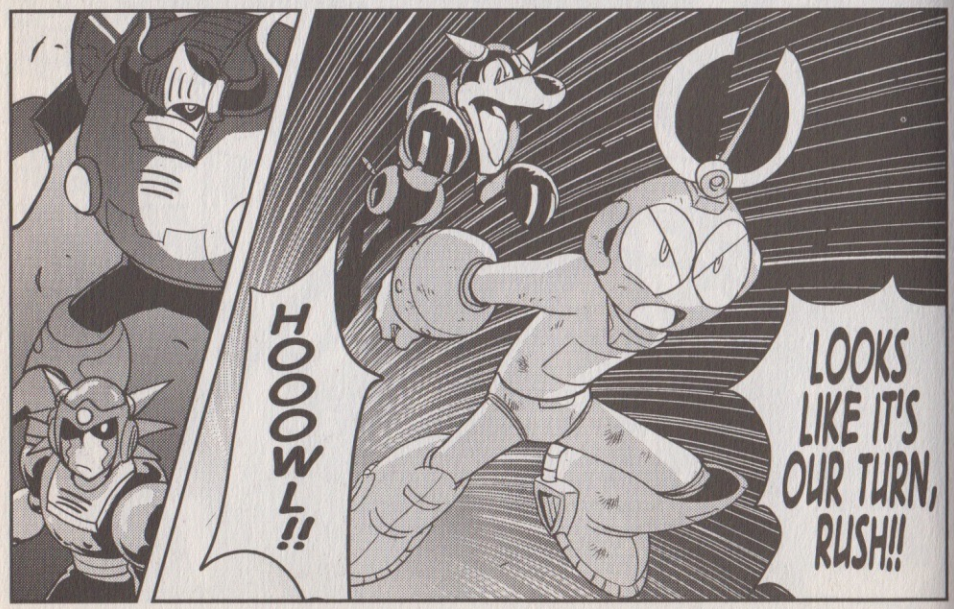






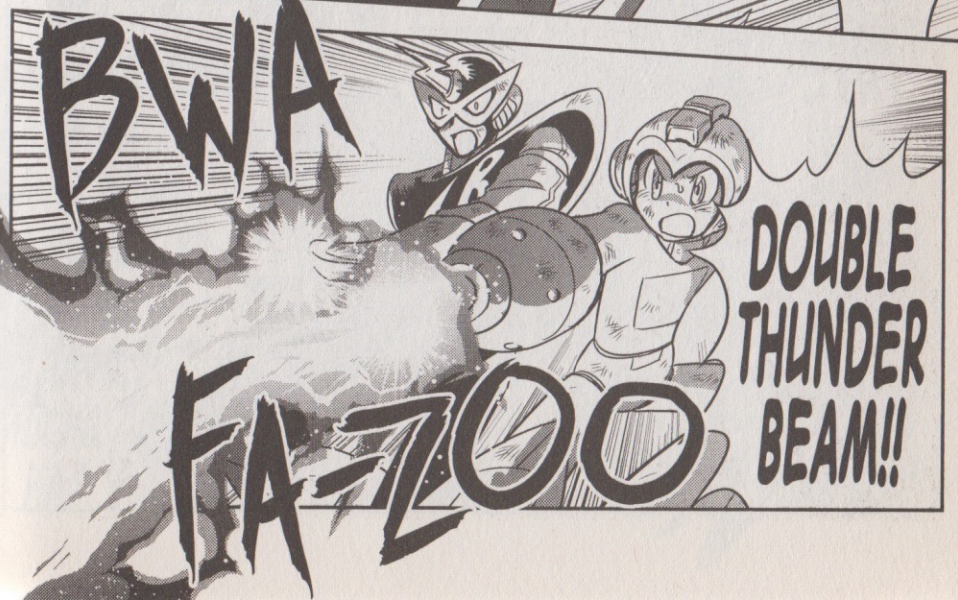

THE TERROR YOU SEE ABOVE YOU IS KNOWN AS "DARK MOON!"
MOON
MOOO

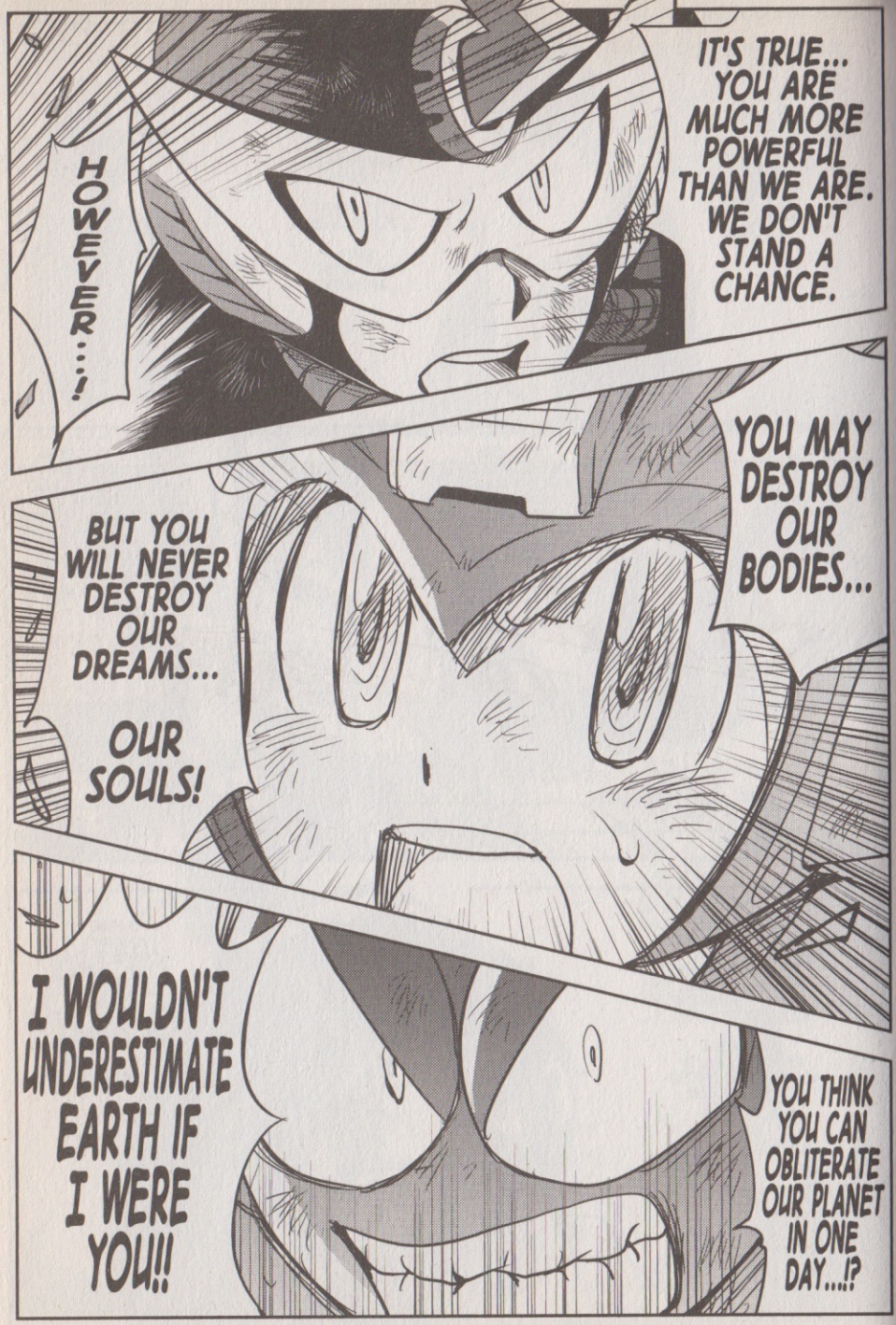

HE'S TOTALLY UNHARMED!
EVEN WITH OUR COMBINED THUNDER BEAM ...
...!!

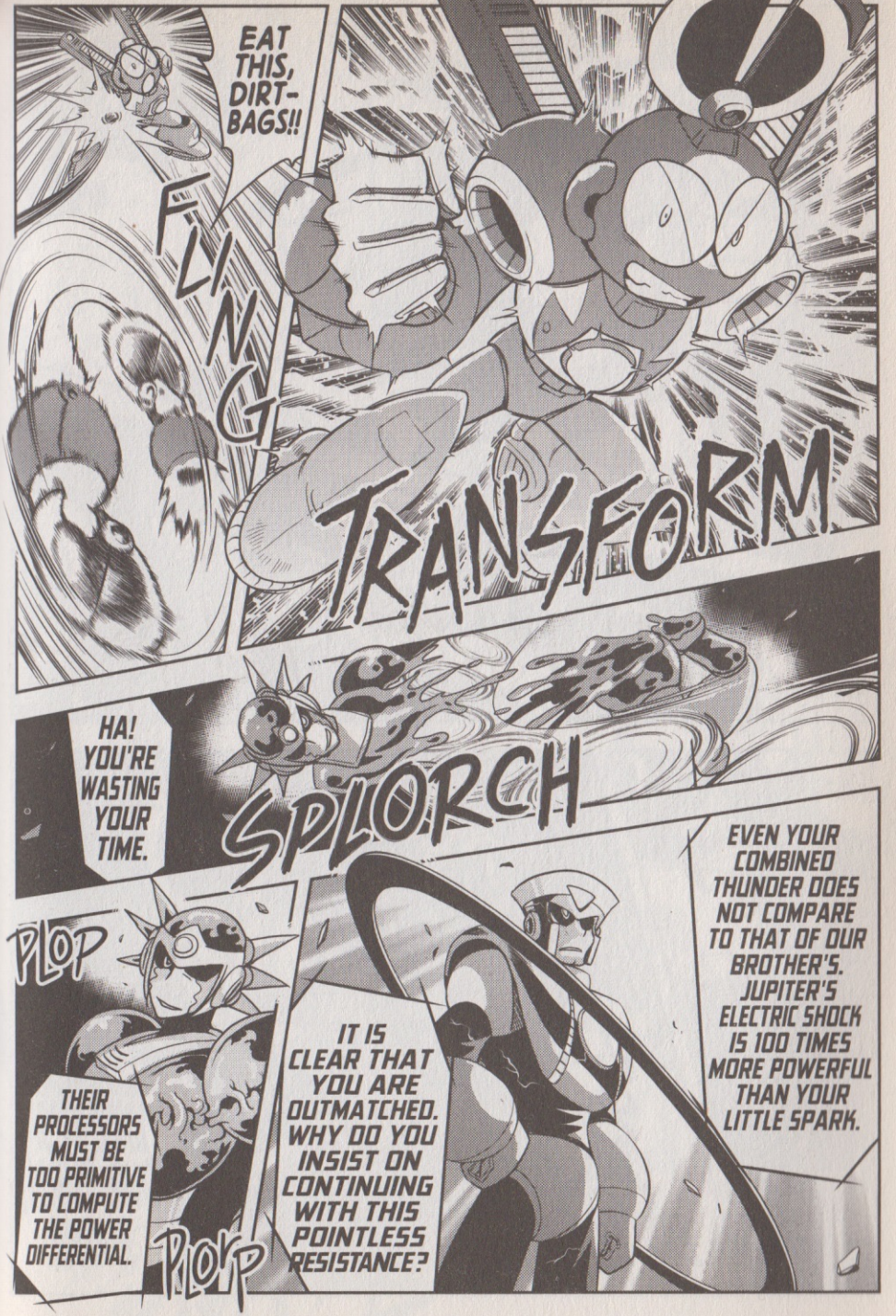

HOOOWL!!
LOOKS LIKE IT'S OUR TURN, RUSH!!

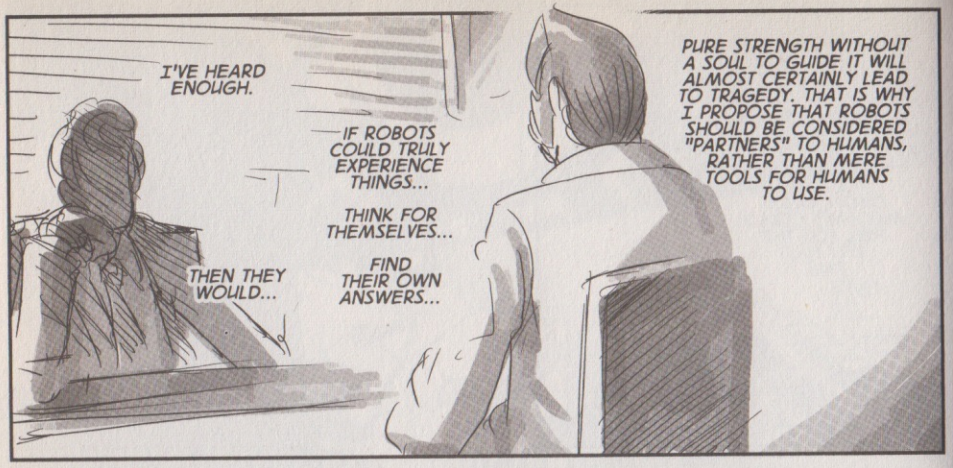
ROCK...!!
ROLL...
IF ROCK WAS HERE, THAT'S WHAT HE'D SAY!
YOU CAN'T GIVE UP YET!!

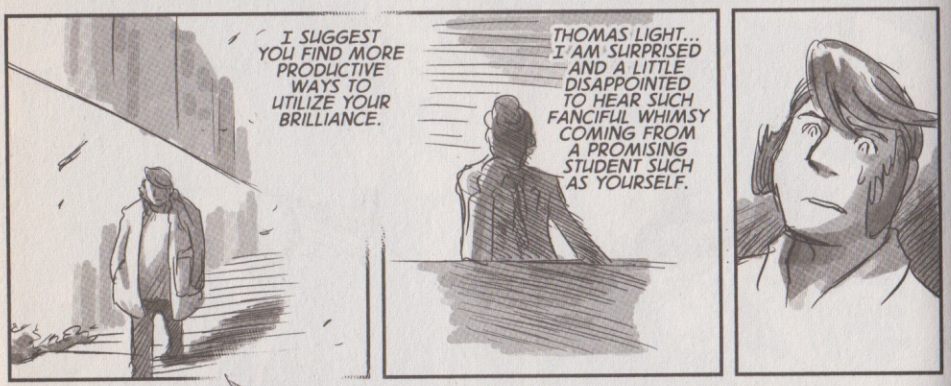
CHEZEEN
DO IT!
ELEC MAN!!


BWA
FA-ZOO
DOUBLE THUNDER BEAM!!


HOWEVER...!
IT'S TRUE... YOU ARE MUCH MORE POWERFUL THAN WE ARE. WE DON'T STAND A CHANCE.
YOU MAY DESTROY OUR BODIES...
BUT YOU WILL NEVER DESTROY OUR DREAMS...
OUR SOULS!
I WOULDN'T UNDERESTIMATE EARTH IF I WERE YOU!!
YOU THINK YOU CAN OBLITERATE OUR PLANET IN ONE DAY...!?


EAT THIS, DIRT-BAGS!!
FLING
TRANSFORM
SPLORCH
HA! YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME.
PLOP
THEIR PROCESSORS MUST BE TOO PRIMITIVE TO COMPUTE THE POWER DIFFERENTIAL.
PLOP
IT IS CLEAR THAT YOU ARE OUTMATCHED. WHY DO YOU INSIST ON CONTINUING WITH THIS POINTLESS RESISTANCE?
EVEN YOUR COMBINED THUNDER DOES NOT COMPARE TO THAT OF OUR BROTHER'S. JUPITER'S ELECTRIC SHOCK IS 100 TIMES MORE POWERFUL THAN YOUR LITTLE SPARK.


I'VE HEARD ENOUGH.
IF ROBOTS COULD TRULY EXPERIENCE THINGS...
THINK FOR THEMSELVES...
FIND THEIR OWN ANSWERS...
THEN THEY WOULD...
PURE STRENGTH WITHOUT A SOUL TO GUIDE IT WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY LEAD TO TRAGEDY. THAT IS WHY I PROPOSE THAT ROBOTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED "PARTNERS" TO HUMANS, RATHER THAN MERE TOOLS FOR HUMANS TO USE.

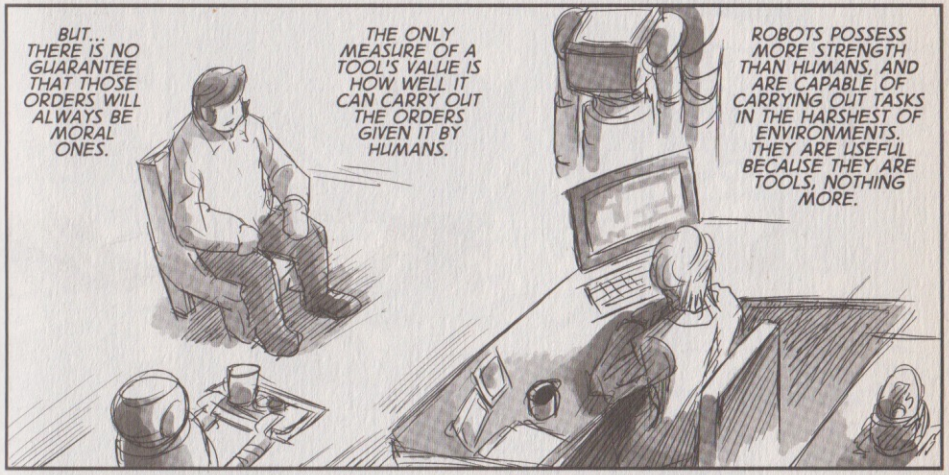

I SUGGEST YOU FIND MORE PRODUCTIVE WAYS TO UTILIZE YOUR BRILLIANCE.
THOMAS LIGHT... I AM SURPRISED AND A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED TO HEAR SUCH FANCIFUL WHIMSY COMING FROM A PROMISING STUDENT SUCH AS YOURSELF.

THOSE STUBBORN FOOLS HIDING BEHIND THEIR OVERSIZED DESKS WILL NEVER UNDERSTAND.
THE NEED TO GIVE ROBOTS SOULS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT CAN BE EXPLAINED IN WORDS.
I CAN'T BELIEVE SOMEONE ELSE FEELS THE SAME WAY I DO...
THINKS THE SAME THOUGHTS I DO...

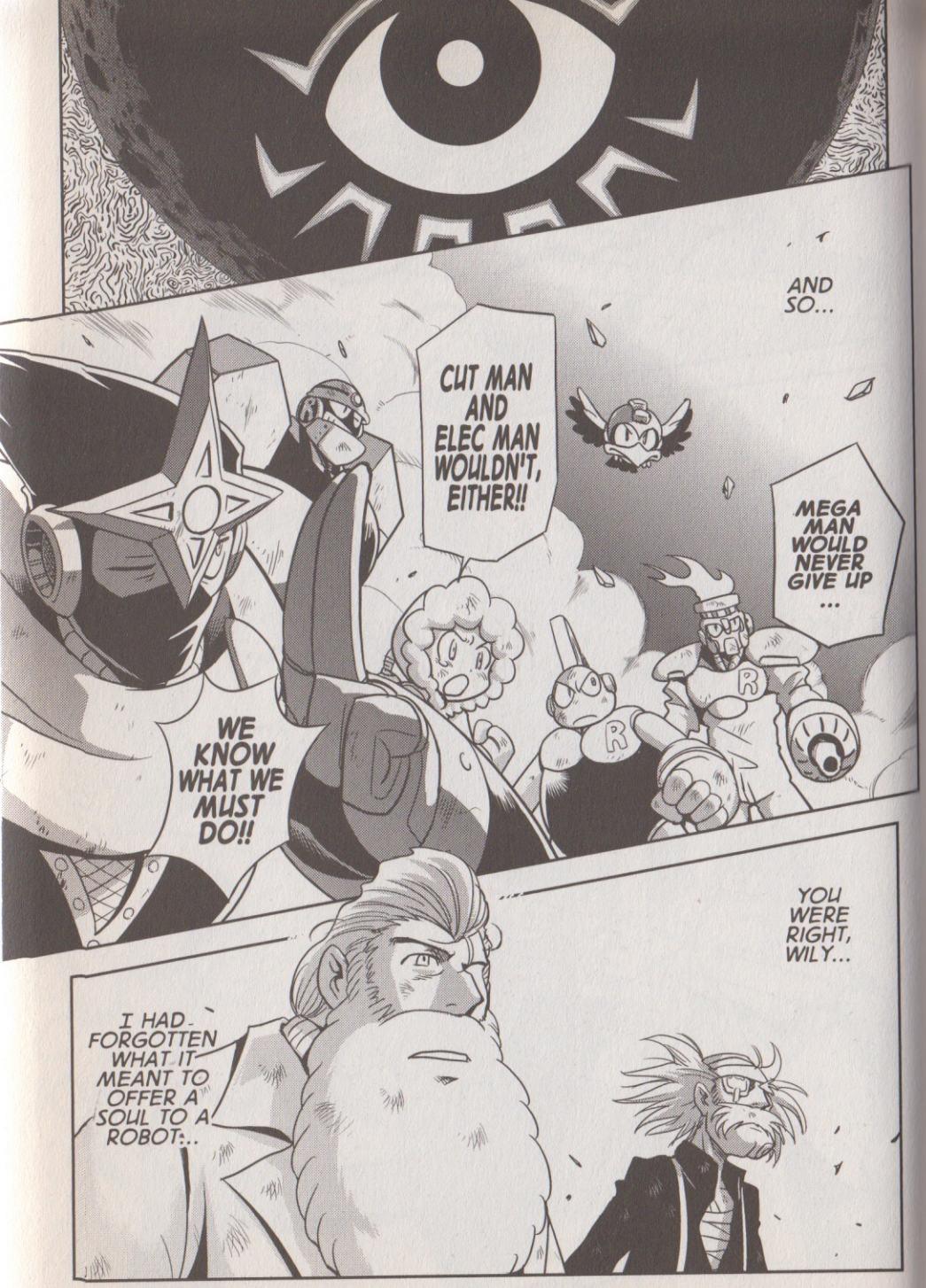
A...

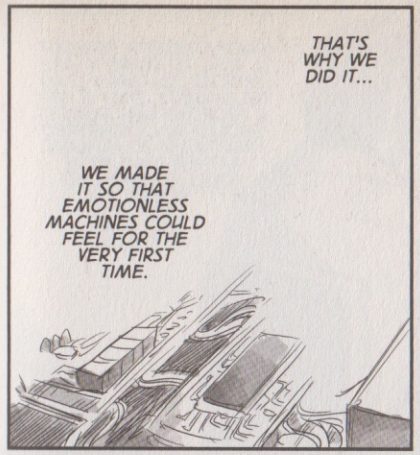
"SOUL...?"

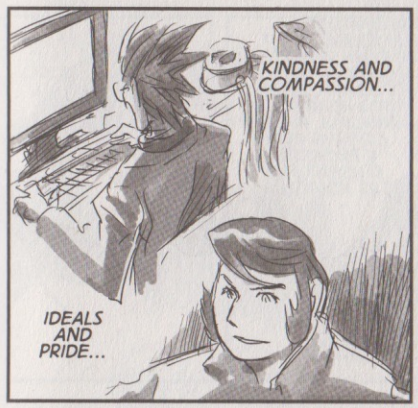
WHAT USE WOULD A ROBOT HAVE FOR A SOUL?

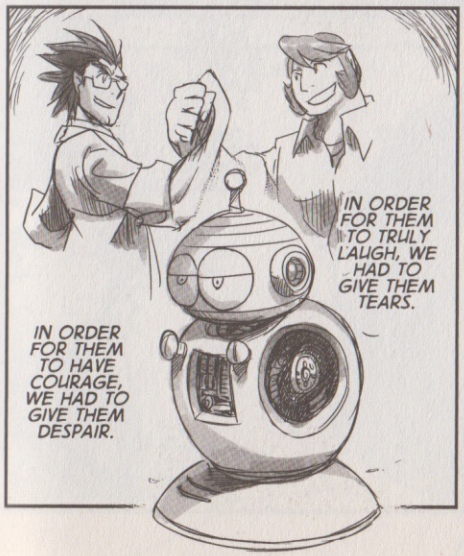

BUT... THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT THOSE ORDERS WILL ALWAYS BE MORAL ONES.
THE ONLY MEASURE OF A TOOL'S VALUE IS HOW WELL IT CAN CARRY OUT THE ORDERS GIVEN IT BY HUMANS.
ROBOTS POSSESS MORE STRENGTH THAN HUMANS, AND ARE CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT TASKS IN THE HARSHEST OF ENVIRONMENTS. THEY ARE USEFUL BECAUSE THEY ARE TOOLS, NOTHING MORE.

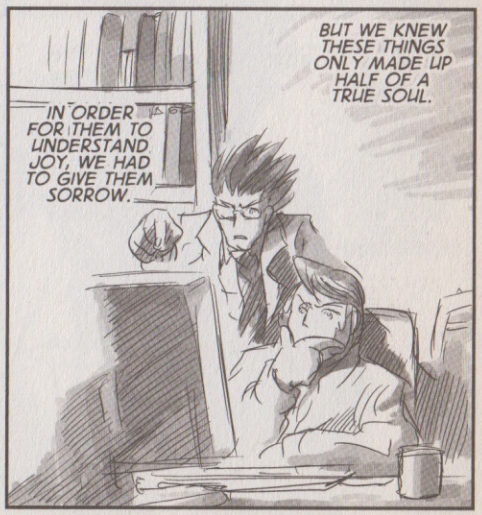
THE ROBOTS' GREAT POWERS ARE THE VERY REASONS WHY WE MUST GIVE THEM GREATER RESPONSIBILITY...
AND THAT RESPONSIBILITY CAN BE GRANTED IN THE FORM OF A SOUL.
THERE IS ALWAYS A CHANCE THAT THE HUMAN GIVING THE ORDERS COULD BE MISGUIDED...
OR WORSE.


AND SO...
CUT MAN AND ELEC MAN WOULDN'T, EITHER!!
MEGA MAN WOULD NEVER GIVE UP ...
WE KNOW WHAT WE MUST DO!!
YOU WERE RIGHT, WILY...
I HAD FORGOTTEN WHAT IT MEANT TO OFFER A SOUL TO A ROBOT...

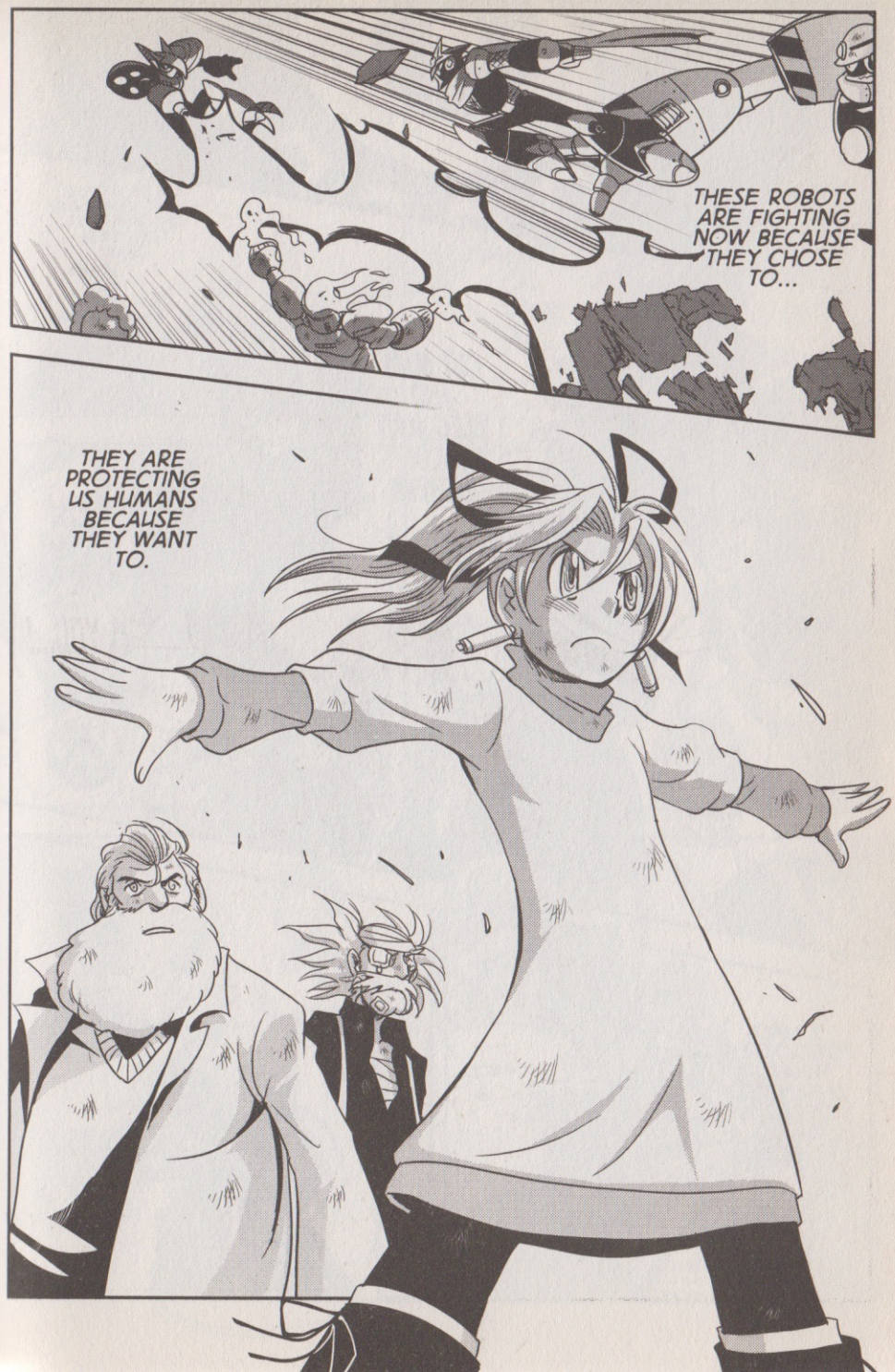

THAT'S WHY WE DID IT...
WE MADE IT SO THAT EMOTIONLESS MACHINES COULD FEEL FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME.

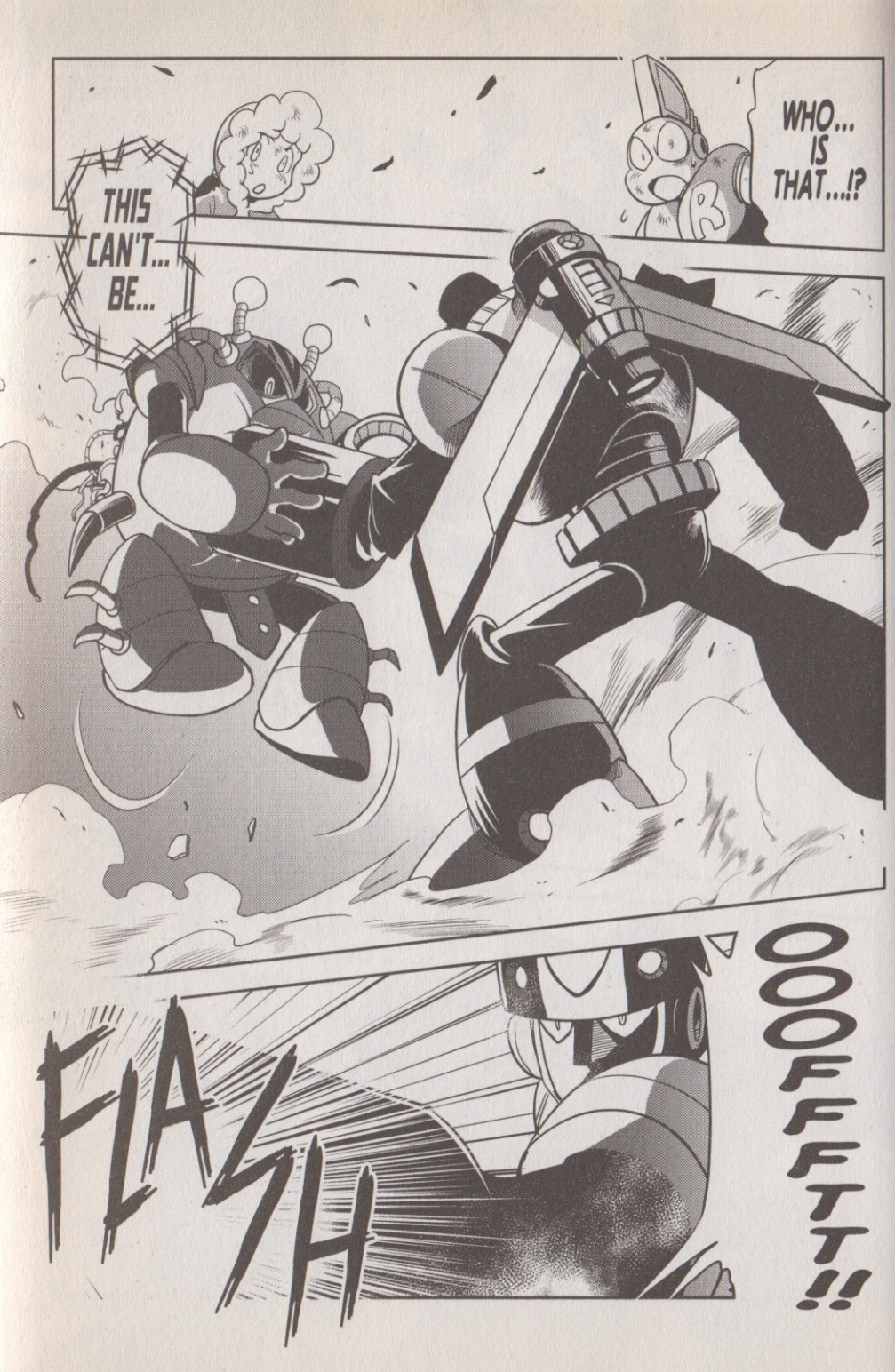

KINDNESS AND COMPASSION...
IDEALS AND PRIDE...

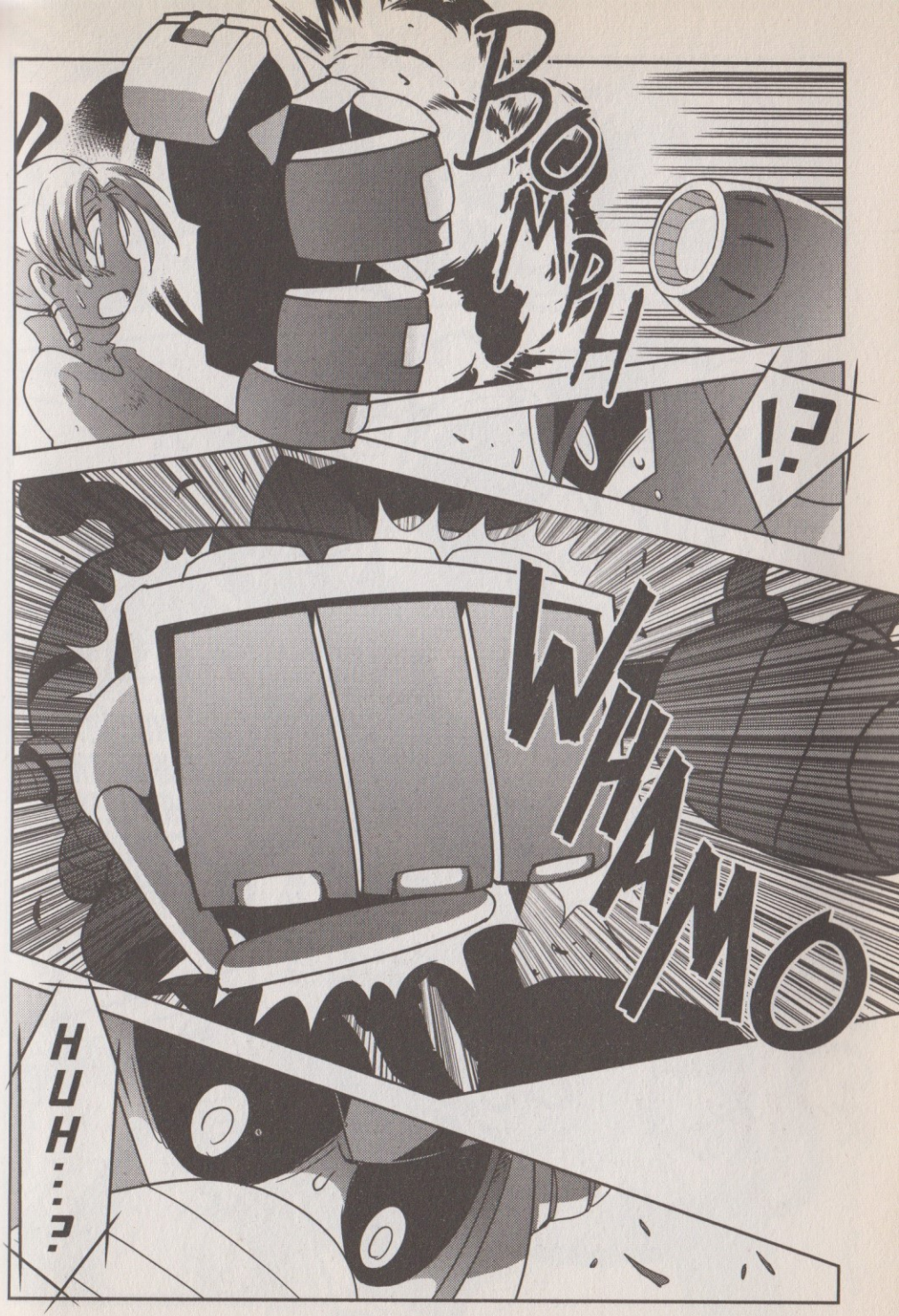

IN ORDER FOR THEM TO TRULY LAUGH, WE HAD TO GIVE THEM TEARS.
IN ORDER FOR THEM TO HAVE COURAGE, WE HAD TO GIVE THEM DESPAIR.


BUT WE KNEW THESE THINGS ONLY MADE UP HALF OF A TRUE SOUL.
IN ORDER FOR THEM TO UNDERSTAND JOY, WE HAD TO GIVE THEM SORROW.

...!!
ARGH!!
STOMP
OUTTA MY WAY...
BLUB BLUB ... YOU...!
YOU'RE RUINING THE HOPELESS MOOD OF THE PARTY!!
BUBBLE BOMB!!
NO!!
ROLL!!
BLOOP
ROCK...!


THESE ROBOTS ARE FIGHTING NOW BECAUSE THEY CHOSE TO...
THEY ARE PROTECTING US HUMANS BECAUSE THEY WANT TO.


WHO... IS THAT...!?
THIS CAN'T... BE...
FLASH
OOOFFFTT!!


BOMPH
!?
WHAMO
HUH...?

...DUO...

EEEEEEK!!
VENUS...!?
HE... DEFEATED ONE OF THE STAR-DROIDS WITH ONE HIT!?
WHO ARE YOU? ANSWER ME!

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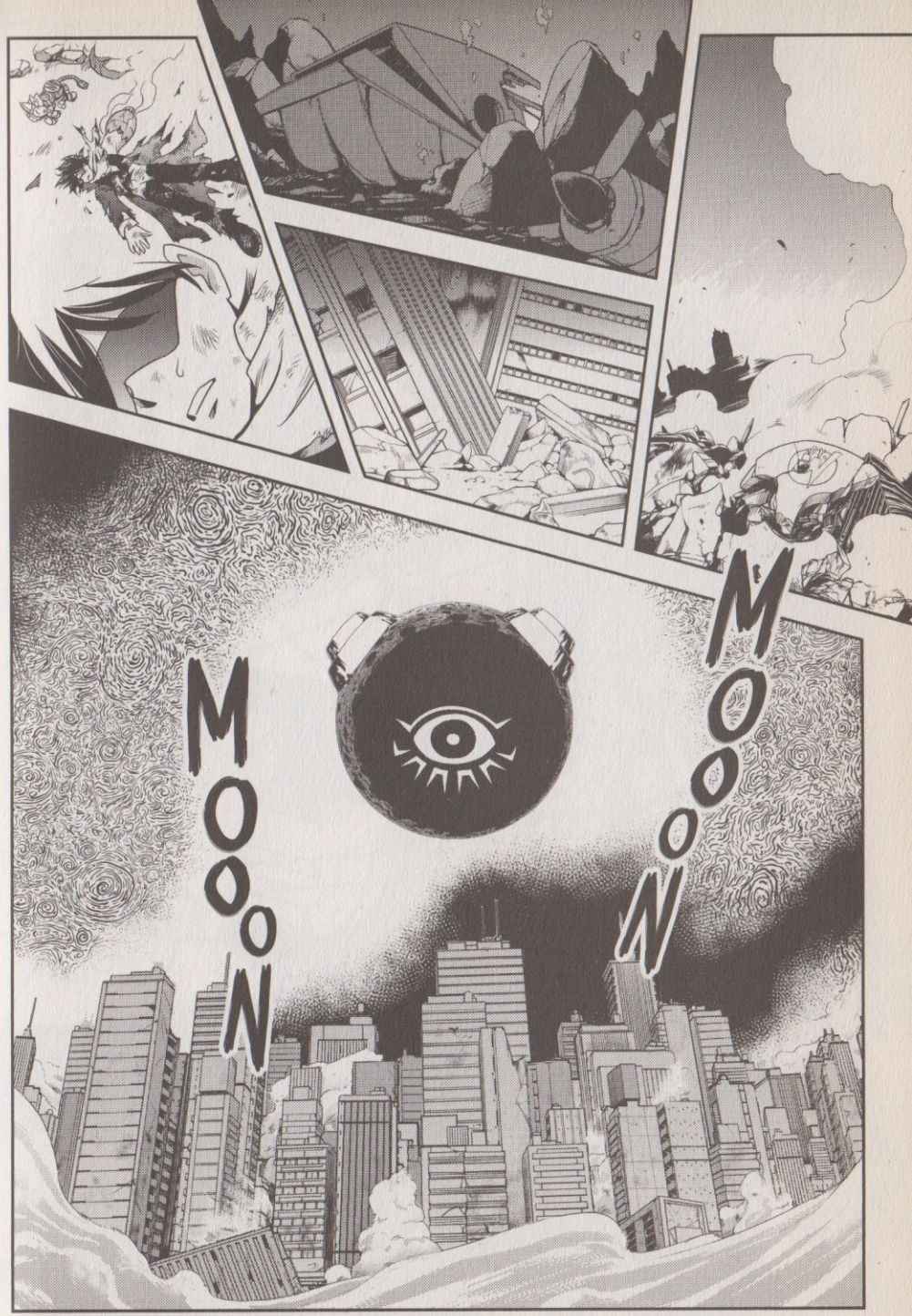

Dark Moon · Fin

ON TOP OF THAT, I KEPT GETTING POTENTIAL OFFERS FOR MEGAMIX REVIVAL PROJECTS, BUT ALL OF THOSE ALSO GOT LEFT IN THE DUST FOR SIMILAR REASONS.

LOUDER GRUMBLE

UNFORTUNATELY, DISTRIBUTING A PROJECT LIKE THIS REQUIRES CERTAIN AUTHORIZATION...

AUTHORIZATION THAT I WAS NOT ABLE TO GET AT THE TIME.

GRUMBLE

I KNOW! I'LL DISTRIBUTE THE REST OF THE STORY THROUGH MY SITE!

...WAS ONE THOUGHT I HAD.

FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN I FIRST SET UP MY HOME-PAGE...

ANOTHER HURDLE I HAD TO OVERCOME WAS THE INJURY I SUSTAINED TO MY RIGHT HAND WHILE WORKING ON GIGAMIX VOLUME 1. THIS INJURY MADE WORKING ON VOLUME 2 MUCH HARDER.

THIS IS THE BEST ONE OF THEM ALL!!

THIS PUBLISHED VERSION IS ONE THAT I CAME UP WITH JUST FOR THIS OCCASSION. (THOUGH THE MAIN FLOW OF THE STORY REMAINED THE SAME.)

AS A RESULT, SOME OF MY IDEAS FOR THE FINAL CHAPTER TOOK ON A DECIDEDLY DARK FLAVOR.

THEY MUST BE SEALED AWAY FOREVER.

THEY ARE INTERESTING IN THEIR OWN WAY, BUT...

YUUSUKE, TSUCCHI, IWAMOTO, "348," SUZUNO, AYANO...

THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH!!

A SPECIAL THANKS TO IKEHARA AND IZUKI, WHO PROVIDED EXCLUSIVE ILLUSTRATIONS FOR THIS VOLUME!!

AND, OF COURSE, A GREAT BIG THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO WAITED THIS LONG TO READ THE REST OF MY STORY!!

I PROMISE TO WORK HARD ON VOLUME 3 AS WELL!!

VOLUME 2 IS TRULY THE RESULT OF MY WONDERFUL SUPPORT NETWORK...

I DOUBT IT WOULD HAVE COME TOGETHER AT ALL IF EVEN ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE HADN'T BEEN THERE FOR ME EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

GIGAMIX AFTERWORD

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IT'S BEEN SUCH A LONG ROAD...

AT ANY RATE, WE ARE AT LAST GETTING INTO THE FINAL CHAPTER OF THE TALE THAT BEGAN WITH MEGAMIX.

I'M EXHAUSTED...

THANK YOU FOR READING GIGAMIX VOLUME 2!

I SPENT MOST OF THAT TIME BRAINSTORMING IDEAS WHENEVER I COULD.

THERE WAS A LONG PERIOD WHEN I WASN'T ABLE TO DRAW THE MANGA, EVEN THOUGH I WANTED TO.

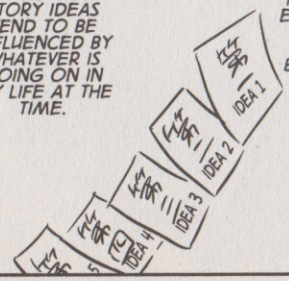
BUT IT'S BEEN AWHILE SINCE THAT SERVICE ENDED.

TECHNICALLY, I DECIDED TO BASE THE FINAL CHAPTER ON "MEGA MAN V" BECAUSE OF THE LOPPI GAME BOY SOFTWARE TRANSFER SERVICE THAT WAS AVAILABLE AT THE TIME.

I THOUGHT IT'D BE COOL IF THE READERS COULD GO PLAY THE ACTUAL GAME AFTER READING THE MANGA...

I FIND THAT STORY IDEAS TEND TO BE INFLUENCED BY WHATEVER IS GOING ON IN MY LIFE AT THE TIME.

THE STORY HAS ACTUALLY EVOLVED QUITE A BIT SINCE MY EARLY BRAINSTORMING SESSIONS.



YOU JUST NEVER STOP!

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE RELEASE OF GIGAMIX! PLEASE CONTINUE TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF WILY!

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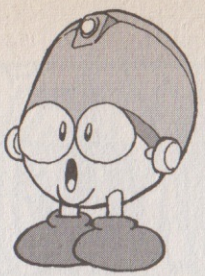
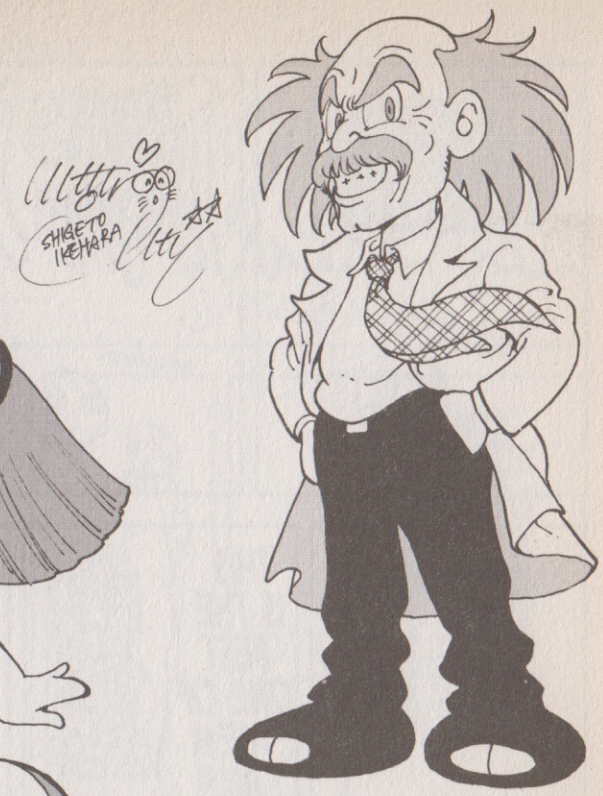
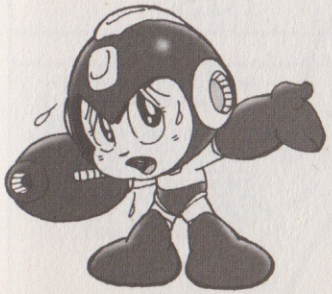
KOUJI IZUKI







ARIGA IS THE GREATEST MEGA MAN-MEISTER IN ALL OF JAPAN!

EVER SINCE THE FIRST DAY I MET HIM, I'VE FELT LIKE ARIGA AND MEGA MAN ARE QUITE SIMILAR, ALMOST AS IF THEY ARE THE SAME PERSON. BUT IS MEGA MAN ARIGA, OR IS ARIGA MEGA MAN...?

WHEN I FIRST MET ARIGA, IT'S TRUE THAT I THOUGHT HE WAS "JUST ANOTHER MEGA MAN FAN," BUT AS HE LEVELED UP WITH EACH NEW CHAPTER OF HIS SERIES, HIS "MEGA MAN POWER" ALSO INCREASED. BY THE TIME HE GOT AROUND TO GIGAMIX, ARIGA'S SKILL WITH MEGA MAN HAD ENTERED THE "MEISTER" CLASS.

I HONESTLY BELIEVE THAT GIGAMIX IS THE "TAIGA DRAMA" OF THE MEGA MAN SERIES. THE ONLY QUESTION THAT REMAINS FOR ME IS WHETHER ARIGA WAS CHANNELING THE MEGA MAN SPIRIT, OR IF IT WAS ARIGA'S INNATE MEGA MAN SPIRIT THAT MADE MEGA MAN INTO WHO HE IS TODAY. EITHER WAY, I DON'T THINK I'M WRONG IN CALLING ARIGA "THE GREATEST MEGA MAN-MEISTER IN ALL OF JAPAN!"

I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT ARIGA'S "MEGA MAN SPIRIT" AND "MEGA MAN POWER" WILL ONLY CONTINUE TO GROW.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING WHAT YOU COME UP WITH IN THE FUTURE, ARIGA!

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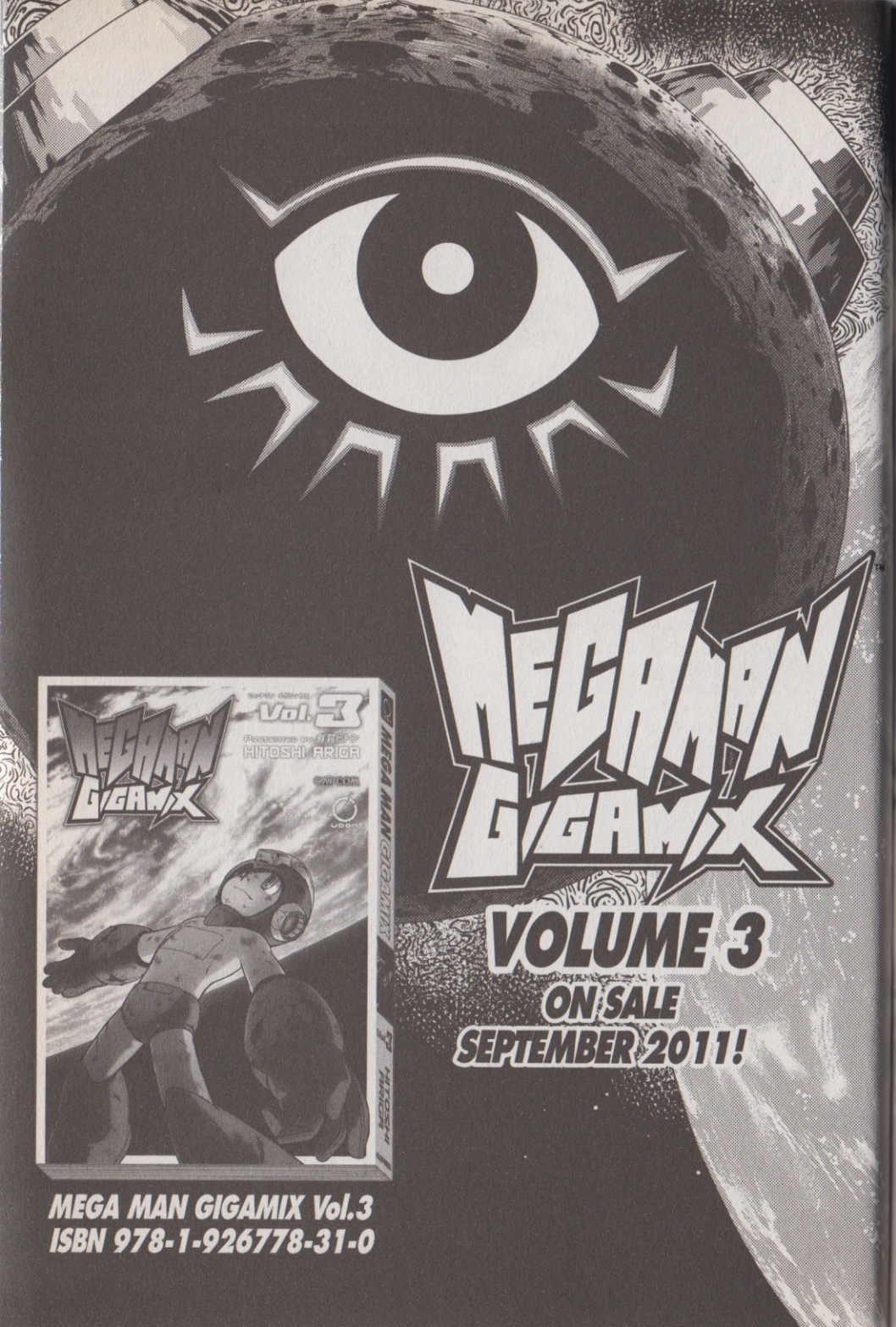
SHIGETO IKEHARA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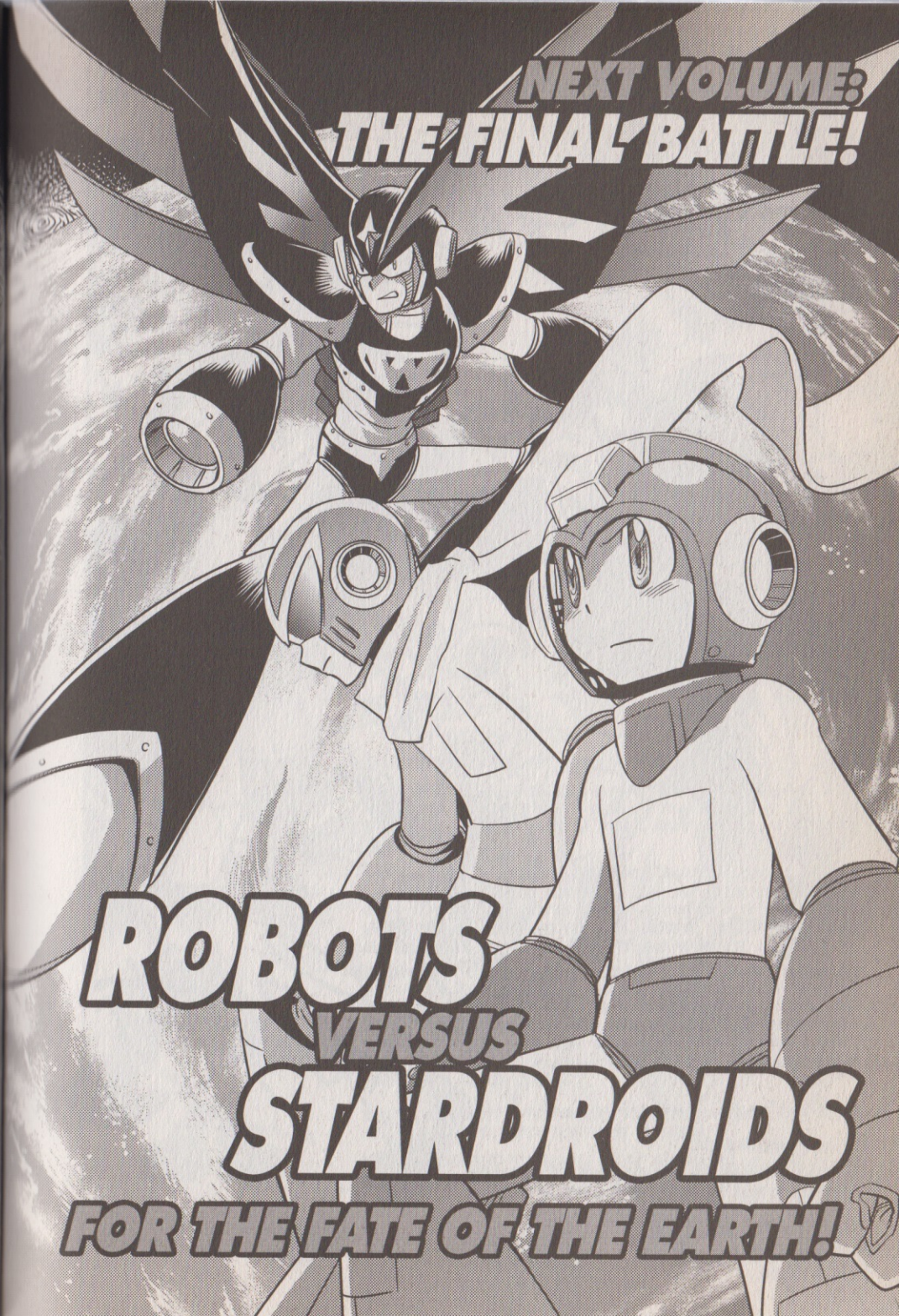
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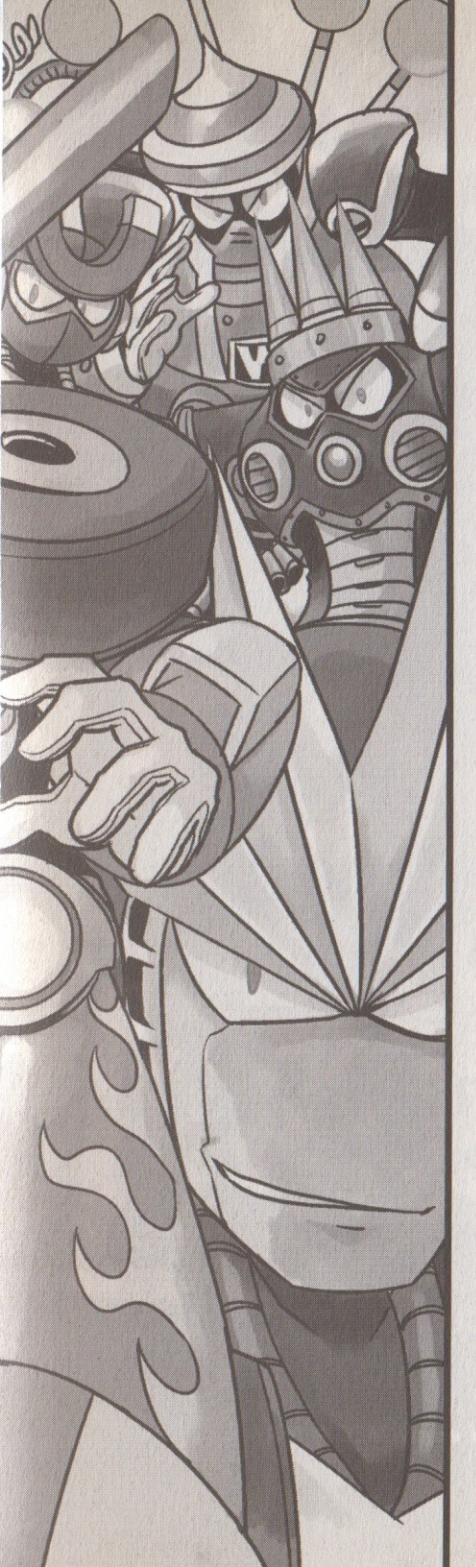

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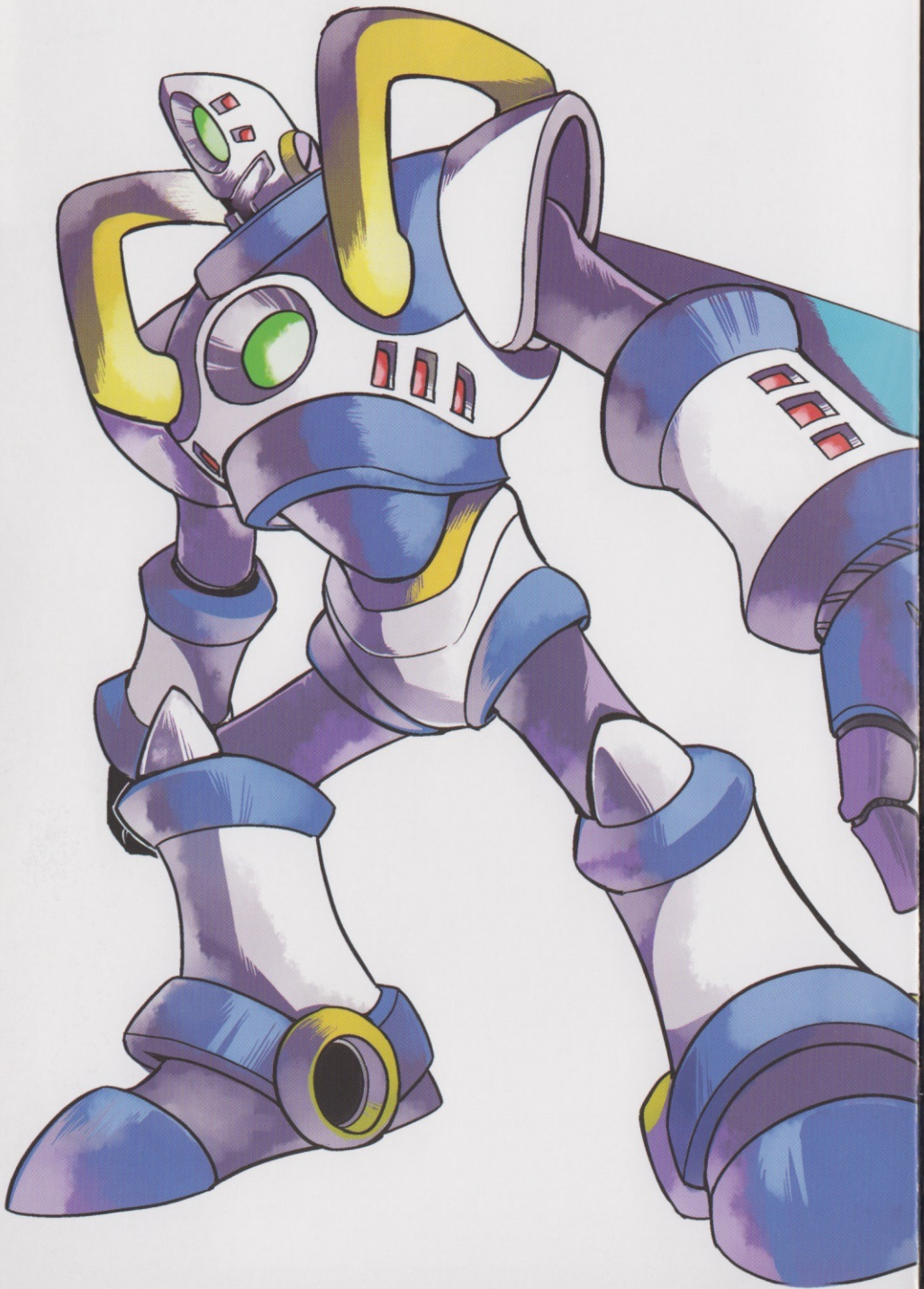

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You're looking at the last page, not the first one.

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